

**UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT  
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK**

<b>In re:</b>	)	
<b>Fairfield Sentry Limited, et al.,</b>	)	<b>Chapter 15 Case</b>
<b>Debtors in Foreign Proceedings.</b>	)	<b>Case No. 10-13164 (SMB)</b>
	)	<b>Jointly Administered</b>
<b>Fairfield Sentry Limited (In Liquidation), et al.,</b>	)	
<b>acting by and through the Foreign</b>	)	
<b>Representatives thereof,</b>	)	<b>Adv. Pro. No. 10-03496 (SMB)</b>
<b>Plaintiffs,</b>	)	
<b>-against-</b>	)	<b>Administratively Consolidated</b>
<b>Theodoor GGC Amsterdam, et al.,</b>	)	
<b>Defendants.</b>	)	
<b>This Consolidated Reply Memorandum of Law applies to</b>	)	
<b>the adversary proceedings listed on Appendix A hereto</b>	)	
	)	

**CONSOLIDATED REPLY MEMORANDUM OF LAW  
IN FURTHER SUPPORT OF DEFENDANTS' MOTION TO DISMISS**

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Defendants,<sup>1</sup> by their attorneys listed on Appendix B hereto, submit this Consolidated Reply Memorandum of Law in response to the Foreign Representatives' Memorandum of Law in Opposition to Defendants' Consolidated Memorandum of Law ("Opposition" or "Opp.").

### **PRELIMINARY STATEMENT**

These Actions do not belong in this Court. As a threshold matter, the bounds of subject matter jurisdiction cannot be stretched to allow the Liquidators to substitute their ancillary Chapter 15 case for their main proceeding in order to bring claims they lost or are afraid to bring in the BVI. Furthermore, the Liquidators have not established personal jurisdiction over the vast majority of Defendants. The misguided assertion that Defendants consented to personal jurisdiction here for claims "with respect to" the Subscription Agreement and the Funds gets the Liquidators nowhere, including because they themselves have already acknowledged that their claims arise solely out of the Funds' Articles.

In any event, all of the Liquidators' claims are barred by Sections 561(d) and 546(e) of the Bankruptcy Code. The Liquidators concede that they are seeking to undo transfers that constitute "settlement payments" made in connection with "securities contracts," and do not deny that Section 546(e) thus precludes their few avoidance claims against domestic parties involving domestic transfers. What the Liquidators fail to acknowledge, however, is that this safe harbor provision, by its precise terms, applies to preclude *all* of their claims against *all* Defendants, regardless of whether those claims involve foreign or domestic parties or transfers. Because Section 546(e) only limits the ability of foreign representatives to seek relief in U.S. courts and the power of U.S. courts to grant that relief, its application is inherently domestic and not extraterritorial. Moreover, even if its application were viewed as extraterritorial, any

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<sup>1</sup> Capitalized terms not defined herein have the meaning ascribed in the Consolidated Memorandum of Law in Opposition to Plaintiffs' Motion for Leave to Amend and in Support of Defendants' Motion to Dismiss, Adv. Pro. No. 10-03496 (SMB) (Bankr. S.D.N.Y. Jan. 13, 2017) (Dkt. No. 960) ("Consol. Br.").

presumption against extraterritoriality would be overcome by the explicit language in Section 561(d), which reflects Congress's clearly expressed that Section 546(e) apply in the circumstances presented here, *i.e.*, to foreign law claims that would interfere with securities contracts, even if the property involved is located overseas.

Finally, even if the Court were to reach the underlying merits of these claims, it would find they have none.<sup>2</sup> Federal preclusion law (as well as BVI preclusion principles) prevents the Liquidators from recycling the claims they lost in test cases in the BVI based on a purportedly new argument they could and should have advanced there. Even if that were not the case, the claims fail under the logic of the Privy Council's holding, as well as BVI statutory, agency, and general common law. The Liquidators fare no better with their novel BVI statutory avoidance claims, which are defective for numerous reasons, not least because they all depend on impermissible hindsight and only a BVI court can award the relief the Liquidators seek.

## ARGUMENT

### I. The Court Lacks Subject Matter Jurisdiction over the Actions

A Chapter 15 case is meant to be a “spoke” that lends assistance to the “hub” of a foreign main liquidation proceeding—a spoke for marshaling assets located in the United States or for seeking other relief that can only effectively be obtained in an ancillary forum. Here, in contrast, the Liquidators seek to turn Chapter 15 on its head, transforming their case into a new global hub from which to sue any defendant to recover assets located in any country, based entirely on the foreign law of the main proceeding. This effort follows test cases in which the highest courts in

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<sup>2</sup> To the extent this Court needs to look to BVI law to address this subject, the Liquidators have offered no appropriate guidance. The opinions of their purported expert—which often have little, if any, support in existing BVI law—are entitled only to minimal weight due to Mr. Moss's disclosure that he is acting as the Liquidators' advocate in the BVI on many of the same issues he purports to address here. *See Decl. of Gabriel Moss QC, dated Oct. 21, 2016 ¶ 1; Decl. of Gabriel Moss QC, dated March 30, 2017 (“Moss II”) ¶ 2; Norwest Fin., Inc. v. Fernandez, 86 F. Supp. 2d 212, 228 n.15 (S.D.N.Y. 2000)* (expert's “binding ethical duties” are “serious infirmities when deciding what weight to give his testimony”).

the BVI rejected the Liquidators' attempts to obtain the very same relief they seek here. This Court cannot permit such an unprecedeted abuse and expansion of Chapter 15.

In determining subject matter jurisdiction, the Court is bound by the District Court's prior decision in this case, which forecloses any argument that "arising in" or "arising under" jurisdiction exists here. The Liquidators' contrary suggestion that this decision merely "concerns the 'allocat[ion of] authority to enter final judgment between the bankruptcy court and the district court,'" Opp. 20, is wrong. Judge Preska was clear: "The claims asserted do not 'arise under' title 11. They do not 'arise in' a title 11 case . . . . *In addition*, an Article I court may not adjudicate these claims to final judgment without violating the Constitution." *In re Fairfield Sentry Ltd. Litig.*, 458 B.R. 665, 688-89 (S.D.N.Y. 2011) (emphasis added). Thus, the only matter left for this Court is whether it has "related to" jurisdiction. As shown below, it does not.

#### **A. Exercising "Related to" Jurisdiction Would Improperly Expand Chapter 15**

Due to the fundamentally "limited nature" of Chapter 15, claims unrelated to preserving or recovering property in the United States in aid of a foreign proceeding are "outside the ambit" of bankruptcy courts' jurisdictional mandate. *See JCPL Leasing Corp. v. Treco (In re Treco)*, 227 B.R. 343, 349-50 (Bankr. S.D.N.Y. 1998). This territorial principle necessarily limits this Court's jurisdiction in this Chapter 15 case.

The Liquidators' assertion that *Parmalat* "effectively precludes" this argument, Opp. 22, is incorrect. *Parmalat* dealt only with "related to" jurisdiction over an action seeking to recover assets located in the United States. *Parmalat Capital Fin. Ltd. v. Bank of Am. Corp.*, 639 F.3d 572, 579 (2d Cir. 2011). In finding such jurisdiction, the District Court in that case explained that, although the bankrupt estate was being administered abroad, "a foreign estate may have assets located in the United States or otherwise subject to the jurisdiction of the United States courts." *Bondi v. Grant Thornton Int'l*, 322 B.R. 44, 48 (S.D.N.Y. 2005), *aff'd in part, vacated*

*in part sub nom. Parmalat*, 639 F.3d 572. Indeed, the claims asserted there sought “to recover some of those [U.S.] assets,” and “it is undisputed that the purpose of any Section 304 proceeding . . . is to allow United States courts to assert control over such assets.” *Id.*<sup>3</sup> Similarly, the court in *British American Insurance* found “related to” jurisdiction over a foreign representative’s tort claims against U.S. defendants because, “[i]f successful, the plaintiff may then pursue collection here in the United States and the resulting assets would be subject to administration under Chapter 15.” *British Am. Ins. Co. v. Fullerton (In re British Am. Ins. Co.)*, 488 B.R. 205, 224 (S.D. Fla. 2013); *see also Fogerty v. Petroquest Res., Inc. (In re Condor Ins. Ltd.)*, 601 F.3d 319, 327 (5th Cir. 2010) (Chapter 15 was designed to prevent the “hid[ing of] assets in the United States out of reach of [] foreign jurisdiction[s]”).

However, neither *Parmalat*, *British American Insurance*, nor any other case that Defendants have discovered addresses whether an action against foreign parties seeking only the recovery of assets located outside the United States can give rise to “related to” jurisdiction. It cannot. Here, as the District Court made clear, the Liquidators seek judgments with respect to assets located outside the United States. *In re Fairfield Sentry Ltd. Litig.*, 458 B.R. at 682 (“The Plaintiffs’ actions seek assets, so their location is relevant. Here, there are no assets in the United States.”).<sup>4</sup> A finding of “related to” jurisdiction over the Actions would allow the Liquidators to transform this Court, in effect, into the debtors’ main court, instead of respecting its limited role

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<sup>3</sup> *In re Treco* is entirely consistent with *Parmalat*, and, in fact, was cited by the District Court in *Bondi* for the proposition, repeated by the Second Circuit, that “[t]here is no reason why a state law action designed to recover [assets located in the United States] . . . is not ‘related to’ the Section 304 Proceeding” even if the bankrupt estate is foreign. *Bondi*, 322 B.R. at 48 & n.15 (cited in *Parmalat*, 639 F.3d at 579).

<sup>4</sup> Judge Preska also already dispelled the notion that the Actions themselves constitute U.S. assets. *In re Fairfield Sentry Ltd. Litig.*, 458 B.R. at 677 n.2 (“Here, the Plaintiffs are domiciled in the BVI, so the intangible assets are located there. . . . The only connection to the United States is the filing of the lawsuits here. . . . Plaintiffs may not manufacture jurisdiction by the expedient of filing a lawsuit in the United States.”). Nor is *Krys v. Farnum Place, LLC (In re Fairfield Sentry Ltd.)*, 768 F.3d 239 (2d Cir. 2014), to the contrary. There, the court held that Sentry’s SIPA claims are U.S. property because the SIPA trustee is located in New York and the distributions on the SIPA claims could be attached or garnished in the United States. *Id.* at 245. Here, the Liquidators are located in the BVI and any recoveries they receive in these Actions are subject to attachment or garnishment *in the BVI*.

as an ancillary court with a mandate to “aid foreign jurisdictions . . . by preventing debtors from squirreling away assets in the United States.” *Id.* at 686. This would constitute an impermissible expansion of the limited scope of Chapter 15 jurisdiction.<sup>5</sup>

### **B. There Is No Sufficient Federal Interest to Support “Related to” Jurisdiction**

In enacting Chapter 15, Congress did not intend—nor did it have the constitutional power—to create “related to” jurisdiction for any and all actions brought by a foreign representative seeking monetary relief.<sup>6</sup> Chapter 15 recognition alone cannot confer subject matter jurisdiction; instead, “[t]here must be an independent source of that authority.” *In re Bluberi Gaming Techs., Inc.*, 554 B.R. 841, 849 (Bankr. N.D. Ill. 2016).

The Liquidators’ reliance on *In re OAS S.A.*, 533 B.R. 83 (Bankr. S.D.N.Y. 2015), to suggest otherwise is misplaced. As the *OAS* court noted, Chapter 15’s legislative history indicates that Congress enacted Section 1509 to provide foreign representatives with access to U.S. courts, *i.e.*, standing to sue. *Id.* at 99. The statute does not establish a basis for subject matter jurisdiction in any court. To the contrary, the fact that it provides that “the foreign representative has the capacity to sue and be sued in *a court* in the United States,” 11 U.S.C. § 1509(b)(1), and does not specifically identify *federal courts*, indicates that Congress did not intend this provision to confer federal subject matter jurisdiction.<sup>7</sup>

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<sup>5</sup> The Liquidators cannot artificially divorce the holding in *In re Bancredit Cayman Ltd.* from subject matter jurisdiction. *See* Opp. 25 n.31. The *Bancredit* court clearly stated that Chapter 15 cannot be used to impermissibly expand the Court’s power to “hear disputes with no connection to the forum.” Bankr. No. 06-11026 (SMB), Adv. Pro. No. 08-1147, 2008 WL 5396618, at \*9 (Bankr. S.D.N.Y. Nov. 25, 2008).

<sup>6</sup> While the Liquidators offer a supposed limiting principle to their overbroad interpretation by claiming that (i) personal jurisdiction must also be established over any defendants in a “related” action, and (ii) any such action must also have a “conceivable effect” on a foreign estate, these are meaningless boundaries. As Judge Preska made clear, “[s]ubject matter jurisdiction does not exist because personal jurisdiction exists.” *In re Fairfield Sentry Ltd. Litig.*, 458 B.R. at 678 n.3. Further, even assuming *arguendo* that there were a conceivable effect on the foreign estate, that would not be independently sufficient to satisfy the requirements of Article III of the U.S. Constitution (a question *Parmalat* did not consider).

<sup>7</sup> *See, e.g.*, *Am. Nat’l Red Cross v. S.G.*, 505 U.S. 247, 255 (1992) (subject matter jurisdiction exists in cases involving a federally chartered entity authorized to “sue or be sued” only if the statute “specifically mentions the

The Liquidators' hollow Chapter 15 case is also insufficient, standing alone, to establish a federal interest to which the Actions can constitutionally be "related." "[A]s a dispute becomes progressively more remote from the concerns of the body of federal law claimed to confer federal jurisdiction over it, the federal interest in furnishing the rule of decision for the dispute becomes progressively weaker . . . . For the bankruptcy court to have subject matter jurisdiction . . . some nexus must exist between the related civil proceeding and the Title 11 case." *Feld v. Zale Corp. (Matter of Zale Corp.)*, 62 F.3d 746, 752 (5th Cir. 1995). In *Parmalat*—and in every case of which Defendants are aware in which a court has exercised Chapter 15 or Section 304 "related to" jurisdiction—the foreign representative brought the proceeding to protect or marshal assets in the United States, thus implicating an underlying source of federal law. Here, in sharp contrast, the Liquidators' Chapter 15 case serves as little more than pretext to support "related to" jurisdiction over these Actions.

### **C. Too Many Contingencies Exist to Support "Related to" Jurisdiction**

Even if the sole limiting factor in determining whether this Court has "related to" jurisdiction were the Actions' "conceivable effect" on the Funds' foreign estate, the Liquidators could not satisfy this test.<sup>8</sup> Any impact this Court's opinions might have on that estate would be too remote to support jurisdiction.

Contrary to the Liquidators' assertions, this Court is limited to issuing what would be, at most, an advisory opinion with respect to the BVI Insolvency Claims. *See infra* Part III.D.6.

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federal courts"); *Fin. Indus. Ass'n v. United States*, No. 6:10-cv-408-Orl-40KRS, 2014 WL 11444074, at \*5 (M.D. Fla. Aug. 29, 2014) (subject matter jurisdiction exists over suits to which SIPC is a party because its "'sue and be sued' clause [...] specifically refers to the federal courts").

<sup>8</sup> See *Makarova v. United States*, 201 F.3d 110, 113 (2d Cir. 2000) (the party "asserting subject matter jurisdiction has the burden of proving . . . that it exists") (citation omitted). When the District Court noted in this case that "[a]ny recovery thus would accrue to the benefit of the Plaintiffs' bankruptcy estates," it was simply recounting the Liquidators' position, not making a finding of any sort. *In re Fairfield Sentry Ltd.*, No. 10 Civ. 7340, 2010 WL 4910119, at \*1 (S.D.N.Y. Nov. 22, 2010). The Liquidators' reliance on this statement to establish a conceivable effect, Opp. 19, is therefore misplaced.

Even if the Court rules in favor of the Liquidators with respect to these claims, any final judgment would then be subject to *de novo* review in the BVI. *See id.* Indeed, the BVI Commercial Court itself has suggested that this Court's rulings may be given no effect in the BVI.<sup>9</sup> Any potential effect on the Funds' estate would plainly be "too far removed" to support jurisdiction. *Sealink Funding Ltd. v. Bear Stearns & Co. Inc.*, No. 12 Civ. 1397 (LTS) (HBP), 2012 WL 4794450, at \*2-3 (S.D.N.Y. Oct. 9, 2012).

Furthermore, even if the Liquidators, after litigating both here and in the BVI, obtain favorable, final judgments on any of their claims, they do not seriously dispute that they must then institute proceedings where Defendants' assets are located.<sup>10</sup> A favorable result in the Actions, then, would not give them "a now-existent legal right to utilize . . . assets," and they would need to rely on separate actions to realize any recovery.<sup>11</sup> "That this adversary proceeding may affect the bankruptcy estate at some point in the future only where two interceding events occur is not sufficient to have a conceivable effect on the bankruptcy case. This connection to the bankruptcy estate is simply too tenuous to constitute related-to jurisdiction." *Ins. Guar. Ass'n v. Pompelia (In re Pompelia)*, 560 B.R. 422, 426 (Bankr. W.D. Pa. 2016).

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<sup>9</sup> Specifically, Justice Leon explained: "If the U.S. Bankruptcy Court were to make, for example, declaratory determinations, presumably the office holder (the Liquidators) would need to apply to this Court under Section 249 if they wish this Court to make any of the types of discretionary orders available under the section. Upon such an application, this Court would need to be 'satisfied' that any transaction subject to such declaratory determination is a 'voidable transaction' and then would need to determine the appropriate relief from the options under Section 249. What this Court would need to do to be 'satisfied' remains to be determined, including the effect of the U.S. Bankruptcy Court's declaratory determination." Section 273 Judgment ¶ 122 (Hare Decl., Ex. S).

<sup>10</sup> The Liquidators do not (and cannot) explain how they could enforce any judgment rendered by this Court without commencing individual proceedings in more than 30 overseas jurisdictions. Indeed, "litigant[s] seeking to enforce a judgment abroad must determine whether the judgment will be recognized and enforced in each jurisdiction where enforcement may be sought." *Enforcement of Judgments Abroad, Generally*, 3 Bus. & Com. Litig. Fed. Cts. § 21:109 (4th ed. 2016). The only case the Liquidators cite on this point, *In re Morton*, 866 F.2d 561 (2d Cir. 1989), discusses the renewal of judgment liens, not the initiation of enforcement proceedings, and thus is inapposite.

<sup>11</sup> See *Pfizer Inc. v. Law Offices of Peter G. Angelos (In re Quigley Co., Inc.)*, 676 F.3d 45, 54 (2d Cir. 2012) (citing Third Circuit precedent establishing that "related to" jurisdiction cannot lie where the court's decision will not finally determine the rights or obligations of parties and thus cannot affect the estate without further actions).

## **II. The Court Lacks Personal Jurisdiction over Foreign Defendants**

### **A. Foreign Defendants Have Not Consented to Personal Jurisdiction**

The Liquidators concede, as they must, that they can rely on the Forum Selection Clause only if it applies to these proceedings. Opp. 6. To meet their burden, the Liquidators urge this Court to ignore their prior contrary arguments in the BVI and to effectively rewrite the Forum Selection Clause to cover claims “related to” the “Fund Documents.” *Id.* 7-9. The Court should not allow the Liquidators to reverse the position they successfully argued before Justice Bannister, nor should it rewrite the parties’ unambiguous agreement.

#### **1. The Liquidators Are Estopped from Relying on the Forum Selection Clause**

The Liquidators cannot avoid judicial estoppel by rewriting history. Seven years ago, before Justice Bannister, the Liquidators argued that their “claims are not made on or in respect of [the Subscription] [A]greements” but are *only* “with respect to” the Articles, and thus do not implicate the Subscription Agreements’ choice of law clause. *See* Consol. Br. 26-27. That argument was critical to successfully obtaining Justice Bannister’s permission to serve (and thereby gain personal jurisdiction over) the defendants in 2011. *See id.* 27. Now, the Liquidators seek to make the exact opposite argument before this Court. They would not be able to do this in the BVI, and they cannot do it here. *See Adelphia Recovery Tr. v. Goldman, Sachs & Co.*, 748 F.3d 110, 116 (2d Cir. 2014) (judicial estoppel “protect[s] the integrity of the judicial process” by “prohibiting parties from deliberately changing positions according to the exigencies of the moment”).<sup>12</sup>

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<sup>12</sup> The Liquidators’ assertion that their argument before Justice Bannister involved *only* which law governed the claims, rather than whether the Forum Selection Clause should apply to the Actions, Opp. 9, is irrelevant. The tactical reason for their position in the BVI is of no moment; what matters is that they took a position that contradicts their position here and succeeded in obtaining the relief they sought.

## 2. The Forum Selection Clause Cannot Be Read to Apply to this Dispute

The Liquidators also get nowhere in arguing that the Subscription Agreement and the Articles are a single, integrated contract for purposes of interpreting the Forum Selection Clause. Courts have held that separate agreements form an “integrated contract” only when they were executed “as part of the *same transaction*.” *Albany Ins. Co. v. Banco Mexicano, S.A.*, No. 96-9473, 1998 WL 730337, at \*2 (S.D.N.Y. Oct. 19, 1998) (emphasis added). Here, the Subscription Agreements (which govern the subscriptions) and the Articles (which govern the redemptions) necessarily govern *different transactions*. The agreements are also subject to different governing laws.<sup>13</sup> They therefore cannot constitute a single, “integrated” contract.

Nor is there any basis to conclude that an “independent provision of one [agreement], such as a jurisdictional paragraph,” should be incorporated into the other agreement.

*CooperVision, Inc. v. Intek Integration Techs., Inc.*, 7 Misc. 3d 592, 595-603 (Sup. Ct. Monroe Cty. 2005) (citing *Kent v. Universal Film Mfg. Co.*, 200 A.D. 539, 550 (1st Dep’t 1922) (forum selection clause in one contract did not apply to a dispute involving a different but related contract silent on choice of forum, even though the contracts referenced one another)). When two contracts govern the parties’ relationship, courts analyze which contract is implicated by the dispute to determine whether a forum selection clause in only one of them applies.<sup>14</sup> Here, the

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<sup>13</sup> See *Socline Corp. v. Podell*, No. 93-1500, 1996 WL 109076, at \*2 (S.D.N.Y. Mar. 12, 1996) (declining to import forum selection clause from contract governed by French law into another contract governed by Swiss law).

<sup>14</sup> See *Sempra Energy Trading Corp. v. Algoma Steel, Inc.*, No. 00 CIV. 9227 (GEL), 2001 WL 282684, at \*1, \*5 (S.D.N.Y. Mar. 22, 2001) (forum selection clause in one contract did not apply to dispute arising under another contract between the same parties that had a choice of law provision but no choice of forum provision), *aff’d*, 300 F.3d 242 (2d Cir. 2002).

Liquidators' claims implicate solely the Articles—just as they argued in the BVI—and thus the Forum Selection Clause does not apply.<sup>15</sup>

In any event, the Liquidators' claims do not concern the *subscriptions* for shares, but rather the *redemptions* of those shares. The Liquidators do not seek relief under the Subscription Agreements, nor do Defendants rely on these agreements for their defense. The only response the Liquidators can muster is, in effect, a “but for” argument that the Subscription Agreement leads investors to acquire shares and thereby become subject to the Articles. That argument is plainly inadequate under the Liquidators' own authorities.<sup>16</sup> Once the shares are acquired, the Subscription Agreement essentially becomes irrelevant to the ongoing relationship between the shareholders and the Funds, which is governed by the Articles.

Moreover, contrary to the Liquidators' assertions, the only logical reading of the Forum Selection Clause, which applies to “any suit, action or proceeding . . . with respect to this [Subscription] Agreement *and* the Fund,” is that “and” means “and.”<sup>17</sup> Indeed, the Liquidators concede that the vast majority of courts have given “and” its plain conjunctive meaning under New York law, and their own authority recognizes that the disjunctive reading of “and” is

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<sup>15</sup> See *Credit Suisse Sec. (USA) LLC v. Hilliard*, 469 F. Supp. 2d 103, 107-08 (S.D.N.Y. 2007) (rejecting “the argument that a forum selection clause in one contract should be applied to a different, separately negotiated contract lacking such a clause,” even though both contracts concerned the very same securities).

<sup>16</sup> See, e.g., *Coregis Ins. Co. v. Am. Health Found., Inc.*, 241 F.3d 123, 131 (2d Cir. 2001) (claims were “related to the Companies’ financial failure by the very wording of the complaints, which explicitly refer to, discuss, and seek redress for that failure”); see also *Davis v. Masunaga Grp., Inc.*, 204 F. Supp. 2d 657, 665 (S.D.N.Y. 2002) (claims did not “arise out of or relate to” contract because they “[did] not have their source in any duty or relationship established by the contract, they do not involve interpretation of the agreement, and they would not share common operative facts with a breach of contract action, were plaintiff conceivably to bring one”), *order vacated on reconsideration on other grounds*, 204 F. Supp. 2d 665 (S.D.N.Y. 2002).

<sup>17</sup> The Liquidators’ clumsy “books with respect to biology and chemistry” analogy, Opp. 6, is a red herring. “Books” in their example is a plural noun, whereas the noun in the Forum Selection Clause that is modified by the phrase “with respect to” is a singular noun, a “Proceeding.” If a *single* “book with respect to biology and chemistry” were on a bookcase, that book would address *both* biology and chemistry, not one or the other.

disfavored. *See Opp.* 6.<sup>18</sup> Thus, the Forum Selection Clause only covers actions that are with respect to *both* the Fund *and* the Subscription Agreement, such as disputes involving the enforcement of the Subscription Agreement. The Liquidators' reading would render the phrase "this Agreement" superfluous.

Defendants' reading of the Forum Selection Clause makes practical sense as well. For example, if the Fund failed to issue shares to a party that signed the Subscription Agreement, that party would have an action for breach of the Subscription Agreement that could be brought in New York, as such an action would be "with respect to" *both* the Subscription Agreement *and* the Fund. Conversely, the Forum Selection Clause does not apply to actions that are with respect to *only* the Fund but not the Subscription Agreement, such as these Actions.

Moreover, the Forum Selection Clause cannot be enforced with respect to all the Liquidators' claims or against all Defendants. As a statutory matter, the BVI Insolvency Claims belong solely to the Liquidators, not the Funds, barring the Liquidators from relying on the Forum Selection Clause in the Funds' Subscription Agreements with respect to those claims.

*See Decl. of Simon Mortimore, QC, dated May 26, 2017 ("Mortimore II") ¶ 237.* Nor can the Forum Selection Clause be enforced against those Defendants that the Liquidators do not allege signed a Subscription Agreement. As the Liquidators' authorities show, such a clause can be enforced against a non-signatory only if it is closely related to—*i.e.*, an alter ego or affiliate of—the signatory. Opp. 11. The Liquidators have alleged no such relationship here. Paragraph 27 of the Subscription Agreement also does not help the Liquidators; they have not shown that "the existence of the clause was reasonably communicated to the [non-signatory]," as is required.

*D.H. Blair & Co. v. Gottdiener*, 462 F.3d 95, 103 (2d Cir. 2006). Because there are no

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<sup>18</sup> The use of "and" to mean exactly that is not in the least ambiguous, but if it were, any ambiguity would be resolved against the Liquidators. *See 151 W. Assocs. v. Printsiples Fabric Corp.*, 61 N.Y.2d 732, 734 (1984).

allegations that any non-signatory Foreign Defendants “had access to the . . . Agreement at any time before it was signed” or “played a sufficiently substantial role in the . . . negotiations,” the Clause cannot be used against them.<sup>19</sup>

### **B. The Liquidators Fail to Establish Any Other Basis for Personal Jurisdiction**

The Liquidators’ other threadbare allegations are insufficient to establish personal jurisdiction over Foreign Defendants. *First*, the Liquidators allege nothing more than indirect and incidental contacts with the United States. *Second*, the Liquidators have not pleaded any causal relationship between their claims and Foreign Defendants’ alleged contacts, as none of their claims arises out of those alleged contacts. *Third*, the exercise of personal jurisdiction over Foreign Defendants here would be unreasonable.

#### **1. The Alleged Contacts Are Not Purposeful**

*First*, the Liquidators tacitly concede that Foreign Defendants’ use of U.S. dollars is jurisdictionally irrelevant by choosing not to contest this point. *See* Consol. Br. 30-31.

*Second*, Foreign Defendants’ “intent” and “decision” to invest with BLMIS is, at most, an “indirect” jurisdictional contact because only Sentry, not any Foreign Defendant, directed its investments to New York. That is plainly insufficient, as jurisdiction must be based on contacts “the Defendant *himself* creates.” *Waldman v. Palestine Liberation Org.*, 835 F.3d 317, 335 (2d Cir. 2016). The Liquidators’ attempt to amplify this jurisdictionally irrelevant contact by concentrating on Foreign Defendants’ purported “forum-related purpose” in investing in feeder funds that in turn would make other investments, Opp. 13, is unavailing. The Supreme Court has “consistently rejected attempts to satisfy the defendant-focused ‘minimum contacts’ inquiry by

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<sup>19</sup> *Shea Dev. Corp. v. Watson*, No. 07 CIV. 11201 (DLC), 2008 WL 762087, at \*2 (S.D.N.Y. Mar. 24, 2008); *see also Bent v. Hearing Franchise LLC*, 15 Civ. 6555 (PAE), 2016 WL 153092, at \*4 (S.D.N.Y. Jan. 12, 2016) (declining to enforce a forum selection clause because “the Court [could not] infer that it was foreseeable” for the forum selection clause to be enforced when the claims were not encompassed within the clause).

demonstrating contacts between the plaintiff (or third parties) and the forum State.” *Walden v. Fiore*, 134 S. Ct. 1115, 1122 (2014). This is precisely what the Liquidators attempt: to establish contacts by Foreign Defendants based on *the Funds’ own investments* in BLMIS.<sup>20</sup>

*Third*, the Liquidators cannot establish a purposeful use of the U.S. banking system by pointing to Foreign Defendants’ “choice” to invest in Sentry, which required the use of a U.S. correspondent account, rather than some other investment fund, such as Sigma or Lambda, that did not have any such requirement.<sup>21</sup> The purported “choice” to use U.S. banks was incidental to foreign investment contracts that were negotiated and performed entirely abroad. *See To v. HSBC Holdings PLC*, No. 15-CV-3590 (LTS), 2017 WL 816136, at \*6-7 (S.D.N.Y. Mar. 1, 2017) (contact with U.S. banking system pursuant to foreign feeder fund service contracts does not support jurisdiction); *Hill v. HSBC Bank plc*, 207 F. Supp. 3d 333, 339-40 (S.D.N.Y. 2016) (same). As in *To* and *Hill*, Foreign Defendants’ conduct was directed entirely toward their foreign counterparty, Sentry, which instructed them to send all subscription monies to Sentry’s U.S. bank account. *See* Sentry Subscription Agreement at 1-2 (Moloney Decl., Ex. A). All of Foreign Defendants’ conduct in the redemption process was performed and directed toward Sentry and its agents outside the United States. *See* Opp. 68-69.<sup>22</sup>

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<sup>20</sup> For the same reason, Judge Lifland’s analysis in *Picard v. Bureau of Labor Ins. (In re Sec. Inv’r Prot. Corp.)*, 480 B.R. 501 (Bankr. S.D.N.Y. 2012), where personal jurisdiction was based solely on the defendant’s relationship with Sentry, has been superseded. That holding rested on the stream-of-commerce theory of jurisdiction that has since been rejected by the Supreme Court. *See* Consol. Br. 30; *see also* *Walden*, 134 S. Ct. at 1122 (“[T]he plaintiff cannot be the only link between the defendant and the forum. . . . [A] defendant’s relationship with a plaintiff [*i.e.*, the Funds] or a third party [*i.e.*, BLMIS], standing alone, is an insufficient basis for jurisdiction.”). Moreover, this theory of jurisdiction, even if it were valid, could not apply to the investment of money, which is fungible and incapable of causing injury by itself. Exercising jurisdiction based on a decision to make U.S. dollar investments would dramatically and impermissibly expand personal jurisdiction. *See* Consol. Br. 31 n.25.

<sup>21</sup> The Liquidators concede that this purported contact applies only to “Sentry Defendants,” and thus could not support personal jurisdiction over Foreign Defendants from whom the Liquidators seek to recover redemption payments made by Sigma or Lambda. *See* Consol. Br. 31 n.27, Exs. B-2, B-3.

<sup>22</sup> The Liquidators’ attempt to distinguish *To* and *Hill* is unavailing. In those cases, foreign parties knowingly entered into a foreign contract that required the use of U.S. bank accounts, and the fact that these contracts were

*Official Comm. of Unsecured Creditors of Arcapita v. Bahrain Islamic Bank (In re Arcapita)*, 549 B.R. 56 (S.D.N.Y. 2016), does not compel a different conclusion. Unlike the *Arcapita* defendants, which unilaterally chose and dictated to their foreign counterparties the use of U.S. accounts, Foreign Defendants' use of U.S. bank accounts was incidental to their foreign investment contracts and was dictated by the Funds. At most, Foreign Defendants were "mere participants" in the selection of U.S. correspondent accounts, which even the *Arcapita* court suggested would not support personal jurisdiction.<sup>23</sup> The Liquidators' reliance on *Motors Liquidation Co. Avoidance Action Tr. v. JPMorgan Chase Bank, N.A. (In re Motors Liquidation Co.)*, 565 B.R. 275 (Bankr. S.D.N.Y. 2017), is equally misplaced. There, a foreign defendant entered into a contract with a New York-based bank to receive loan payments here. *Id.* at 288-89. The contact with the U.S. banking system in *Motors* was thus direct and purposeful; the defendant was not a "mere participant" (like Foreign Defendants here) because it contracted directly with a New York bank. *Id.* The Liquidators have failed to establish any such purposeful contact by Foreign Defendants with the United States.

## 2. None of the Claims "Arises out of" Any Jurisdictional Contact

The alleged U.S. contacts on which the Liquidators rely are also inadequate because they have no causal relationship to the Funds' alleged injuries, as due process requires. *See Chew v. Dietrich*, 143 F.3d 24, 29 (2d Cir. 1998). Because Foreign Defendants have "only limited contacts" with the United States, jurisdiction is properly exercised only "if the plaintiff's injury was *proximately* caused by [those] contacts." *Id.* (emphasis added). Here, the alleged contacts—namely, Foreign Defendants' decision to invest money with the Funds and the fact that

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performed entirely abroad rendered the use of U.S. accounts entirely incidental, not purposeful, and thus jurisdictionally insignificant. *See To*, 2017 WL 816136, at \*6; *Hill*, 207 F. Supp. 3d at 339-40.

<sup>23</sup> *See In re Arcapita*, 549 B.R. at 69, 71 ("Had the record demonstrated that [Sentry], as opposed to [Foreign Defendants], selected the U.S. dollar and the New York accounts to effectuate the Placements, [Foreign Defendants'] contacts with the United States would have been adventitious, and jurisdiction would not have lied.").

redemption money was processed by a U.S. bank account before it was ultimately received abroad by the Sentry Defendants—did not cause, proximately or otherwise, the Funds any injury.

*First*, the Liquidators allege that the Funds’ injuries were proximately caused by Madoff, who “misused and misappropriated” the money the Funds invested in BLMIS, PAC ¶ 34, and, allegedly, by Citco, which purportedly turned a blind eye to Madoff’s fraud, *id.* ¶ 42—not by Foreign Defendants’ decision to invest in the Funds or their use of U.S. bank accounts.<sup>24</sup> The touchstone of proximate cause is the reasonably foreseeable risk of harm.<sup>25</sup> Here, the Funds’ alleged injuries were not the reasonably foreseeable consequences of Foreign Defendants’ investment decisions or use of U.S. bank accounts. Those actions thus were not a proximate cause of the Funds’ alleged injuries, which arose long after, and many steps removed from, Foreign Defendants’ decisions.<sup>26</sup> Those decisions fail to meet even the lower but-for cause standard, as is illustrated by the fact that *unredeemed* shareholders (whose interests the Liquidators purport to represent) made the exact same decisions but indisputably did not cause any alleged injury to the Funds. Such decisions thus have no causal significance to the Funds’ alleged injuries and are therefore jurisdictionally irrelevant.

*Second*, Foreign Defendants’ use of U.S. bank accounts also lacks any causal relationship with the Liquidators’ claims. Sigma and Lambda allegedly suffered the exact same injuries as Sentry without their investors having used any U.S. bank accounts. The Funds “would have suffered the same injury even if none of [Foreign Defendants’] forum contacts had taken

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<sup>24</sup> See *Absolute Activist Master Value Fund, Ltd. v. Ficeto*, No. 09 Civ. 8862 (GBD), 2013 WL 1286170, at \*12 (S.D.N.Y. Mar. 28, 2013) (manipulative trading, not fundraising trips to the United States to meet with investors, was proximate cause of fraud, despite plaintiff’s argument that the fundraising trips “fueled the fraud”).

<sup>25</sup> *Pizarro v. Hoteles Concorde Int’l, C.A.*, 907 F.2d 1256, 1259-60 (1st Cir. 1990) (no personal jurisdiction where the forum-related contacts did not proximately cause the harm underlying the claims).

<sup>26</sup> *SPV OSUS Ltd. v. UBS AG*, 114 F. Supp. 3d 161, 170 (S.D.N.Y. 2015) (attenuated but-for causation is not sufficient where forum-related contacts are sparse), *appeal docketed*, No. 16-2173 (2d Cir. June 24, 2016).

place,”<sup>27</sup> as the Funds were required to make the redemption payments regardless of the currency or specific payment method that was employed. Thus, the Liquidators’ argument that their claims would not exist had Foreign Defendants not used U.S. bank accounts to *receive* Sentry redemption payments, Opp. 17, is factually wrong and legally irrelevant.

### 3. Exercising Personal Jurisdiction Would Be Unreasonable

Foreign Defendants’ alleged contacts with this forum arose from acts performed on *foreign* soil pursuant to *foreign* contracts with the *foreign* Funds. *See Asahi Metal Indus. Co. v. Superior Court of Cal., Solano Cty.*, 480 U.S. 102, 116 (1987). The reasonableness factors, which include “(1) the burden that the exercise of jurisdiction will impose on the defendant; (2) the interests of the forum state adjudicating the case; [and] (3) the plaintiff’s interest in obtaining convenient and effective relief,” *Metro. Life Ins. Co. v. Robertson-Ceco Corp.*, 84 F.3d 560, 573 (2d Cir. 1996) (citations omitted), all weigh against exercising personal jurisdiction here.

*First*, the fact that “none of [Foreign Defendants’ or the Liquidators’] records, files, or witnesses with information about the litigation are located” here “cuts slightly in favor of [Foreign Defendants],” despite modern technology that may reduce the burden of litigating here. *Id.* at 574.

*Second*, the Liquidators concede that the BVI has a greater interest in these Actions than the United States, Opp. 65, as all of the relevant conduct occurred abroad and concerned contractual relations governed by BVI law, *see id.* 68. Indeed, the Liquidators argue that “foreign interests, not U.S. interests, are by far predominant.” *Id.* 64. Further, this case involves questions of first impression under BVI law (*e.g.*, the interpretation of BVI Insolvency Act Sections 245, 246, and 249) that U.S. courts have limited expertise and interest in resolving.

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<sup>27</sup> *Kuenzle v. HTM Sport-Und Freizeitgeräte AG*, 102 F.3d 453, 456-57 (10th Cir. 1996) (internal quotation marks and citation omitted); *see also SPV OSUS Ltd.*, 114 F. Supp. 3d at 170.

*Third*, and most importantly, the Liquidators are plainly not interested in “obtaining convenient and effective relief” in this forum. Despite having every opportunity to pursue their claims in the BVI, including actually litigating for years through every level of the BVI court system (and losing), the Liquidators instead discontinued those BVI Actions and chose to sue Foreign Defendants here, where they cannot obtain any relief for the reasons set forth in Part III.

### **III. The Complaints Fail to State a Claim**

#### **A. Section 546(e) Applies and Bars All of the Claims**

The Liquidators do not contest that the redemption payments fall within the class of transactions that Section 546(e) renders immune from avoidance. They do not challenge that the Articles are “securities contracts” or that the payments themselves are “settlement payments.” *See Opp. 57-70.* Instead, they argue only that Section 546(e) does not apply (i) in light of the presumption against extraterritorial application of U.S. law, or (ii) based on comity principles, and that (iii) even if the safe harbor applies, some claims survive. These arguments all fail.

##### **1. Section 546(e) Precludes Avoidance of Foreign Transfers in Chapter 15**

Sections 561(d) and 546(e), which must be read together, place a blanket limitation on the Court’s power to grant avoidance relief with respect to “securities contracts” and “settlement payments” in Chapter 15 proceedings, regardless of whether the transfers that the foreign representatives seek to avoid are foreign or domestic in nature. *See 11 U.S.C. § 561(d)* (provisions “relating to securities contracts” must “apply in a case under Chapter 15” so as to “limit avoidance powers”) (emphasis added). The question of whether limiting the Liquidators’ avoidance powers here would require applying Section 546(e) extraterritorially is, at bottom, irrelevant, because the safe harbor applies regardless of how that question is answered.

Defendants do not seek an extraterritorial application of U.S. law. The cases cited by the Liquidators do not suggest otherwise, as they only address whether statutes that *create* federal

causes of action (such as a subsequent transfer claim) implicating foreign conduct (such as a foreign transfer) could be brought in U.S. courts.<sup>28</sup> By contrast, statutes that *preclude* claims (such as Section 546(e)) regulate solely domestic conduct—namely, the ability of foreign representatives to seek relief in U.S. courts and the power of U.S. courts to grant that relief. *See Alter v. Bell Helicopter Textron, Inc.*, 944 F. Supp. 531, 541 (S.D. Tex. 1996) (finding no “authority which holds that a federal statute barring enforcement of claims in courts of the United States bars only claims arising within the United States”); *Blazevska v. Raytheon Aircraft Co.*, 522 F.3d 948, 954 (9th Cir. 2008) (applying *Alter* and holding that claim-precluding statutes do not involve an extraterritorial application even if the underlying conduct giving rise to the claim is foreign); *cf. Criterium Capital Funds B.V. v. Tremont (Berm.) Ltd. (In re Kingate Mgmt. Ltd.)*, 784 F.3d 128, 132-33 (2d Cir. 2015) (Securities Litigation Uniform Standards Act can preclude claims arising from foreign feeder fund investments, even if *Morrison* would preclude plaintiffs’ federal securities claims).

Because Sections 561(d) and 546(e), by their express terms, bar the Liquidators’ requests for relief in and from this Court, Defendants are not asking that those statutes be applied extraterritorially. By contrast, if Defendants sought an order from this Court to prevent the Liquidators from bringing their claims before a BVI court, that would involve an extraterritorial application of the statutes. Under *Morrison*, this is the end of the analysis—and the presumption against extraterritoriality does not limit the application of Section 546(e) here.<sup>29</sup>

<sup>28</sup> *See Morrison v. Nat'l Austl. Bank Ltd.*, 561 U.S. 247, 255 (2010) (application of Rule 10b-5 to prosecute foreign fraudulent statements); *In re Optimal U.S. Litig.*, 865 F. Supp. 2d 451 (S.D.N.Y. 2012) (same); *Sec. Inv'r Prot. Corp. v. Bernard L. Madoff Inv. Sec. LLC*, 513 B.R. 222, 226-31 (S.D.N.Y. 2014) (application of Section 550(a) to recover foreign transfers); *Spizz v. Goldfarb Seligman & Co. (In re Ampal-Am. Isr. Corp.)*, 562 B.R. 601, 605 (Bankr. S.D.N.Y. 2017) (application of Section 547 to recover foreign transfers); *Sherwood Invs. Overseas Ltd., Inc. v. Royal Bank of Scot. N.V. (In re Sherwood Invs. Overseas Ltd., Inc.)*, Bankr. Ct. Case No. 6:10-bk-584-KSJ, 2006 WL 5719450, at \*10-12 (M.D. Fla. Sept. 30, 2016) (application of Section 548 to recover foreign transfers).

<sup>29</sup> Closing the door here is not only mandated by the plain meaning of Section 561(d), but is also consistent with the policy rationale underlying *Morrison*, which specifically addresses concerns that U.S. courts could become

There is no inconsistency between this conclusion and certain Defendants' contentions in the BLMIS Trustee's litigation. The issue there is whether a SIPA Trustee can recover foreign transfers under Section 550(a)(2). This case involves only Sections 561(d) and 546(e), which limit the enforcement of foreign-law claims in a U.S. court, regardless of where the property is located, and thus are not being applied extraterritorially.

Even if the application of Section 546(e) could be viewed as extraterritorial in light of the foreign "component events" of the underlying redemption payments, Congress clearly intended the statute to apply in the circumstances presented here. Indeed, Section 561(d)'s incorporation and mandatory application of Section 546(e) in Chapter 15 proceedings shows that Section 561(d) was designed to apply to preclude foreign law claims seeking to avoid certain foreign transfers. Because Chapter 15 bars foreign representatives from seeking avoidance relief under U.S. law, *see* 11 U.S.C. § 1521(a)(7), Section 561(d) only has meaning if its incorporation of Section 546(e) limits the relief U.S. courts can grant in Chapter 15 cases under foreign avoidance law targeting protected transactions. Section 561(d)—which provides that the safe-harbor provisions shall apply in Chapter 15 to "limit avoidance powers to the same extent as in a proceeding under Chapter 7 or 11 of this title"—therefore was intended to bar avoidance claims based on foreign law to the same extent they would be barred if they were U.S. law-based avoidance claims brought in a proceeding under Chapter 7 or 11.

Section 561(d) cannot be read, as the Liquidators assert, to impose a territorial limit (which would be applicable to U.S. law-based avoidance claims) on the scope of the safe harbor. This is made especially clear by the parenthetical that immediately follows the language quoted above: "such enforcement [is] not to be limited based on the presence or absence of assets of the

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"the Shangri-La of class action litigation for lawyers representing those allegedly cheated in foreign securities markets." *Morrison*, 561 U.S. at 270.

debtor in the United States.” This language is consistent with the broader purpose of Section 546(e), which is to ensure the finality of “securities contracts” and “minimiz[e] the displacement caused . . . in the event of a major bankruptcy affecting those markets.” *Picard v. Ida Fishman Revocable Tr. (In re Bernard L. Madoff Inv. Sec. LLC)*, 773 F.3d 411, 416 (2d Cir. 2014). Even if one were to accept the Liquidators’ contorted reading of this parenthetical as solely limiting efforts to prevent the enforcement of securities contracts (which ignores the clause’s placement), Opp. 62-65, it would not help them. The Liquidators are trying to prevent Defendants’ enforcement of their explicit redemption rights under the Articles, which would also obstruct the finality of redemption transactions. Section 561(d) was designed to avoid this precise situation.

The Liquidators’ reliance on *Hosking v. TPG Capital Mgmt., L.P. (In re Hellas Telecomms. (Lux.) II SCA)*, 526 B.R. 499 (Bankr. S.D.N.Y. 2015), Opp. 57-58, is unavailing. That court did not consider the types of claims and relief available to foreign representatives in Chapter 15 proceedings, Section 561(d)’s express statutory limitations on avoidance relief, or the significant differences between claim-creating and claim-precluding statutes. Instead, the court merely expressed uncertainty, in *dicta*, as to how to apply Section 546(e) in a Chapter 15 case. *Hosking*, 526 B.R. at 514.

## 2. Comity Considerations Cannot Trump Express Statutory Mandates

The Liquidators’ argument that comity requires limiting Section 546(e)’s application to domestic transfers, Opp. 64-65, is also incorrect. Express and mandatory statutory provisions—such as Sections 561(d) and 546(e), which supersede foreign law—“impose certain requirements

and considerations that act as a brake or limitation on comity.”<sup>30</sup> Because the Court cannot decline to apply Section 546(e) in this Chapter 15 case, comity considerations are irrelevant and cannot save the Liquidators from the mandatory application of Section 546(e).<sup>31</sup>

Moreover, the Court would best promote comity by dismissing the Actions under Section 546(e) and allowing BVI courts to develop BVI law, if the Liquidators choose to pursue their claims there. The BVI has a greater interest in this dispute and in developing its own law. *See Maxwell*, 93 F.3d at 1053. The purpose of comity is not for U.S. courts to decide novel issues of foreign law or to create rights under U.S. law where they otherwise would be unavailable. This is all the more true in the Chapter 15 context, where the foreign main proceeding is in the BVI. Thus, even if comity were relevant, it would weigh in favor of dismissal.

### 3. Section 546(e) Applies to All of the Claims

The Liquidators’ argument that Section 546(e) does not bar their Common Law and Contract Claims, Opp. 70-71, is baseless. These claims seek the restitution of money paid pursuant to securities contracts based on purportedly inflated redemption payments made by the Funds, and Defendants’ refusal to return such monies. *See id.* 16 (“The claims attack the redemption payments . . .”). That the Liquidators style the relief requested as “money damages” is irrelevant: their claims seek the avoidance of settlement payments, which Section 546(e) precludes.<sup>32</sup>

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<sup>30</sup> *Krys v. Farnum Place, LLC (In re Fairfield Sentry Ltd.)*, 768 F.3d 239, 245 (2d Cir. 2014); *see also Maxwell Commc’n Corp. v. Societe Generale (In re Maxwell Commc’n Corp. plc)*, 93 F.3d 1036, 1047 (2d Cir. 1996) (comity “has no application where Congress has indicated otherwise”).

<sup>31</sup> *See Farnum Place*, 768 F.3d at 246 (rejecting comity argument where bankruptcy court was “required to conduct a section 363 review”); *Farnum Place, LLC v. Krys (In re Fairfield Sentry Ltd.)*, No. 16-2127-bk, 2017 WL 2258282, at \*3 (2d Cir. May 22, 2017) (same).

<sup>32</sup> *See, e.g.*, *Consol. Br.* 38 (collecting cases holding that Section 546(e) bars any claim that effectively acts as an avoidance claim); *Peterson v. Enhanced Inv. Corp. (Cayman) Ltd. (In re Lancelot Inv. Fund, L.P.)*, 467 B.R. 643 (Bankr. N.D. Ill. 2012), *aff’d sub. nom Peterson v. Somers Dublin Ltd.*, 729 F.3d 741 (7th Cir. 2013) (Section 546(e) bars recovery of excessive redemption payments even if claim is asserted under a breach of contract theory).

The Liquidators also cannot escape Section 546(e) simply because they have brought claims under foreign common law. While the cases Defendants cite applied Section 546(e) only to U.S. state law claims, Congress has the power to preclude parties from bringing claims in a U.S. court based on foreign law.<sup>33</sup> It has done so here: as shown above, Congress clearly intended Section 546(e) to preclude foreign law avoidance claims in Chapter 15 proceedings. *See supra* Part III.A.1-2. The safe harbor thus bars all of the Liquidators' claims.

## **B. The Common Law and Contract Claims Are Barred as a Matter of Law**

### **1. The Liquidators Are Precluded from Raising Citco's Bad Faith**

The Privy Council Decision bars the Funds' claims, and the Liquidators cannot—under U.S. or BVI law—raise Citco's alleged bad faith now to avoid that result. The Liquidators do not deny that they knew well before the commencement of the Preliminary Issues proceeding in the BVI that they could argue that the Funds' NAV certificates may have been issued in bad faith. If the Liquidators wished to preserve the argument that certificates issued in bad faith may not be binding, they could and should have done so in the Preliminary Issues proceeding. Their failure to have done so dooms their Common Law and Contract Claims.

#### *i. Federal Law Governs the Preclusive Effect of the Privy Council Decision*

The Liquidators make no meaningful argument that they can pursue their claims in the face of federal preclusion law, if it were applied here. *See* Opp. 40 & n.51. This is fatal. While the Liquidators' claims are precluded under any potentially applicable preclusion principle, federal preclusion law applies.

As an initial matter, the Liquidators are wrong that New York choice-of-law rules determine which law governs the preclusive effect of the Privy Council Decision. Contrary to

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<sup>33</sup> See, e.g., *Giannopoulos v. Iberia Lineas Aéreas de España, S.A.*, 17 F. Supp. 3d 743, 751 (N.D. Ill. 2014); *LaSala v. UBS, AG*, 510 F. Supp. 2d 213, 237-38 (S.D.N.Y. 2007).

the Liquidators' argument, *Gaston & Snow* does not apply here, where the underlying claims are indisputably not "based upon state law." *Bianco v. Erkins (In re Gaston & Snow)*, 243 F.3d 599, 601 (2d Cir. 2001). Rather, as the Liquidators have argued from the outset of this litigation, the Common Law Claims implicate foreign law and thus are not "State law claim[s] or State law cause[s] of action."<sup>34</sup> Where, as here, there is no U.S.-state interest in claims brought in federal court, and no federalism concerns, "there is no apparent reason to consult state law, and federal courts routinely determine the res judicata effects of foreign judgments without any reference to state law."<sup>35</sup>

Given the absence of any state law interest and the inapplicability of *Gaston & Snow*, the only courts in the United States with any possible interest in this dispute are the federal courts. Thus, if this Court has subject matter jurisdiction, it should apply federal choice-of-law rules. The Liquidators do not dispute that federal courts routinely do this in federal question cases. Opp. 38 n.47; *see also Corporacion Venezolana de Fomento v. Vintero Sales Corp.*, 629 F.2d 786, 795 (2d Cir. 1980); *Simmtech Co. v. Citibank, N.A.*, No. 13-CV-6768 (KBF), 2016 WL 4184296, at \*8 (S.D.N.Y. Aug. 3, 2016), *appeal docketed*, No. 16-2994 (2d Cir. Aug. 29, 2016) (applying federal choice-of-law rules even to common law claims).

Moreover, even if *Gaston & Snow* did apply in the absence of state law claims (which it does not), under the Liquidators' own arguments it would still require the application of federal choice-of-law rules. This is because, as the Second Circuit explained in *Gaston & Snow*, federal law must apply when a case "implicates important federal bankruptcy policy." *In re Gaston &*

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<sup>34</sup> Foreign Representatives' Omnibus Suppl. Mem. of Law in Further Opp. To Defs.' Mots. to Remand or Abstain at 21, No. 10-03496 (Feb. 7, 2011) (Dkt. No. 157); *see also* Opp. 70.

<sup>35</sup> *In re Birting Fisheries, Inc.*, 300 B.R. 489, 502 n.13 (B.A.P. 9th Cir. 2003) (citation omitted); *see also Eli Lilly Do Brasil, Ltda. v. Fed. Express Corp.*, No. 04 Civ. 5285, 2005 WL 2312547, at \*3 (S.D.N.Y. Sept. 21, 2005) ("[T]here is simply no rationale for injecting state choice-of-law rules into what is otherwise an exclusively federal case."), *aff'd*, 502 F.3d 78 (2d Cir. 2007).

*Snow*, 243 F.3d at 605. Here, the Liquidators contend just that, arguing that Chapter 15 places “emphasis on concentrating the resolution of cases involving foreign bankruptcies in one court system”—*i.e.*, the *federal* court system.” Opp. 24 (quoting *Firefighters’ Ret. Sys. v. Citco Grp. Ltd.*, 796 F.3d 520, 525-26 (5th Cir. 2015)). More broadly, these Actions largely rest at the intersection of federal bankruptcy, foreign, and federal securities laws (through Section 546(e)), warranting the application of federal common law to vindicate these interests.<sup>36</sup>

Additionally, as the Liquidators’ own expert recognizes, the BVI’s general abuse of process estoppel principle, *Henderson v. Henderson*, is considered “procedural,” Moss II ¶¶ 38, 54, so this Court should determine whether its process has been abused “in accordance with its own rules.” This further supports the application of federal choice-of-law rules (and federal preclusion law) under *Erie*. *See, e.g., Hanna v. Plumer*, 380 U.S. 460, 465 (1965) (“The broad command of *Erie* was therefore identical to that of the Enabling Act: federal courts are to apply state substantive law and federal procedural law.”).

The Liquidators do not dispute that the “majority of U.S. courts” applying federal choice-of-law rules have held that “federal standards” determine whether and to what extent a foreign judgment should be given preclusive effect. *Hurst v. Socialist People’s Libyan Arab Jamahiriya*, 474 F. Supp. 2d 19, 32-33 (D.D.C. 2007); *see also Simmtech*, 2016 WL 4184296, at \*8. As described in *Alfadda v. Fenn*, 966 F. Supp. 1317 (S.D.N.Y. 1997),<sup>37</sup> this is the correct approach. Neither the Full Faith and Credit Act nor broader federalism principles are relevant in the context of foreign judgments, and thus “no rule prevents a court in the United States from giving greater

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<sup>36</sup> Moreover, unlike in *Gaston & Snow*, it is not “difficult to argue that any forum shopping occurred” here, where it is clear that the Liquidators chose to split their identical legal theories against different Defendants between the BVI Actions and these Actions.

<sup>37</sup> The Liquidators’ implication that *Alfadda* has in any way been “superseded,” Opp. 38 n.47, is unfounded. Courts around the country, including in this district, continue to rely upon *Alfadda* and its reasoning. *See, e.g., Hurst*, 474 F. Supp. 2d at 32-33; *Simmtech*, 2016 WL 4184296, at \*8.

preclusive effect to a judgment of a foreign state than would be given in the courts of that state.”

*Id.* (citing Restatement (Third) of Foreign Relations Law § 481, cmt. c (1987)).

In fact, as *Alfadda* makes clear, there are several policy reasons for U.S. courts to apply federal, rather than foreign, preclusion principles. Federal preclusion principles seek to avoid unnecessary relitigation and “relieve parties of the cost and vexation of multiple lawsuits, conserve judicial resources, and, by preventing inconsistent decisions, encourage reliance on adjudication.” *Allen v. McCurry*, 449 U.S. 90, 94 (1980); *see also* 18B Charles Alan Wright & Arthur R. Miller, *Federal Practice and Procedure* § 4473 (2d ed. 2017). In addition, applying the preclusion principles of a foreign jurisdiction, which might have other procedural mechanisms to avoid abusive litigation that U.S. courts may not be able or may be more reluctant to apply, would provide plaintiffs the opportunity to forum shop. *Alfadda*, 966 F. Supp. at 1329.

Here, the Liquidators’ renewed attempt to salvage their claims before this Court by raising Citco’s bad faith is a paradigmatic example of forum shopping and burdensome relitigation. The Liquidators could and should have sued all Defendants in the BVI, raised the issue of bad faith there, and accepted the Privy Council’s authoritative judgment on BVI law. Instead, they chose to relitigate here and create the risk of inconsistent decisions. These tactics should not be endorsed. *See Parklane Hosiery Co., Inc. v. Shore*, 439 U.S. 322, 329-30 (1979).

*ii. BVI Law Also Precludes The Liquidators From Alleging Citco’s Bad Faith*

The Liquidators are also wrong in claiming that Defendants failed to provide the Court with appropriate guidance if BVI preclusion principles apply. Opp. 40 n.50. Defendants made clear that the Liquidators would also be barred from raising their claims by the BVI doctrines of issue estoppel and *Henderson v. Henderson* abuse of process. *See* Decl. of Simon Mortimore QC, dated January 13, 2017 (“Mortimore I”) ¶¶ 41-56.

a. The Liquidators Should Have Raised Citco's Bad Faith in the BVI

While the Liquidators spend pages upon pages arguing that BVI preclusion principles apply, they include just a single page on the most relevant issue—what they knew about whether the certificates may have been issued in bad faith by September 2011, when Justice Bannister required that the Liquidators raise all legal arguments and factual issues “actually known” to them. *See Opp.* 44-45. If, at that time, they had reason to believe that the certificates might have been issued in bad faith and thus arguably were not binding, they were required to raise that argument then if they wished to preserve it. Mortimore II ¶¶ 36-40. They chose not to do so.

Tellingly, the Liquidators do not now dispute that, by 2011, they already had alleged that some of the Directors had acted in bad faith and that they were aware that Fairfield investors had sufficiently pleaded that Citco had acted in bad faith. These undisputed facts are inconsistent with the Liquidators’ assertion now that they “did not obtain access to sufficient, specific evidence to consider litigation of the Bad Faith Issues until the summer of 2014.” *Opp.* 44.

The Liquidators try to minimize the significance of what they knew by arguing that the allegations in *FGG* and *Anwar* raised only “red flags” showing that the defendants “knew or should have known” about Madoff’s fraud, which would not have been sufficient to plead bad faith under BVI law before Justice Bannister. *Id.* 45. In fact, those allegations are no different from what the Liquidators seek to allege against Citco and Knowledge Defendants now.<sup>38</sup>

The Liquidators’ argument is wholly beside the point, however, since it does not matter whether the Liquidators could have sufficiently pleaded bad faith against Citco back in 2011. Mortimore II ¶¶ 31-40. The Preliminary Issues proceeding was designed to address dispositive

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<sup>38</sup> See Moss II ¶ 104 (bad faith can be shown based on willful blindness or reckless indifference); PAC ¶ 47 (Citco acted in bad faith because it “turned a blind eye to the reality reflected in the information and instead proceed[ed] with issuing the Certificates as if there were no problem”); Fourth Am. Compl. at 28, *Sentry v. UBS AG New York*, No. 10-03780 (Bankr. S.D.N.Y. Sept. 8, 2016) (Dkt. No. 26-1) (UBS acted in bad faith because “UBS AG Knew or Should Have Known of the BLMIS Fraud”).

*legal*, not factual, questions, including specifically whether the Funds had issued binding certificates. *Id.* The information the Liquidators had by 2011 put them on notice of the need to raise before Justice Bannister the legal question of whether certificates that were not “given in good faith by or on behalf of the Directors” would be binding. *Id.* ¶ 38; Sentry’s Articles, Art. 11(1), (Hare Decl., Ex. F). The fact that this was an obvious issue at the time is plainly demonstrated by the PI Defendants’ having themselves briefed this precise question in the same proceeding. The Liquidators made a conscious decision not to respond, thus waiving the issue, and then made an unqualified concession before the Privy Council that if the documents under consideration were certificates, then they were binding on the Funds. *Id.* ¶ 39. Thus, under the rules set by Justice Bannister, the Privy Council necessarily decided that the certificates were binding despite any allegation that they had been issued in bad faith. *Id.* ¶¶ 36, 39.

b. BVI Preclusion Principles Bar the Liquidators from Raising the Legal Significance of Citco’s Bad Faith Before This Court

Since the Privy Council Decision foreclosed the bad faith argument, the only remaining question is the effect that decision should have on these Actions if BVI preclusion principles apply. The Liquidators’ own expert agrees that the context of the claims is critical to determining whether they are barred by BVI preclusion principles. Moss II ¶ 43. The context here confirms that the Liquidators were well aware that the Preliminary Issues proceeding was, in effect, a test case, intended to determine legal issues common to a group of similar cases, which would be taken to the highest court for a decision that would apply to defendants in all cases. Mortimore II ¶ 21-30. There was plainly no need for every defendant sued in the BVI or the United States to join in that litigation, because it was inherent in the Preliminary Issues proceeding that all redeemers would be bound by the ultimate ruling. Mortimore II ¶ 29. Indeed, the primary purpose behind Judge Lifland’s stay was to await “pending developments in

connection with . . . any appeal from the judgment of the [BVI Court].”<sup>39</sup> The Privy Council also recognized that its decision would be authoritative with respect to the Common Law Claims in the United States.<sup>40</sup>

Contrary to the Liquidators’ position, the BVI doctrine of issue estoppel precludes them from raising Citco’s alleged bad faith because there is more than sufficient privity between Defendants here and the defendants who litigated the Preliminary Issues before the Privy Council. *See* Mortimore II ¶¶ 20-36.

Moreover, it is clear that the Liquidators’ course of conduct—choosing not to raise the bad faith issue at the appropriate time in the BVI Actions in an attempt to pursue another bite at the apple in this Court—has been abusive, vexatious, and harassing. *Id.* ¶¶ 37-40; Consol. Br. 46-47. The Liquidators “knew at the time” of the initial proceeding before Justice Bannister that the certificates might have been issued in bad faith. Consol. Br. 48-51. They chose not to raise that issue then, and thus are precluded from doing so now by the separate BVI *Henderson v. Henderson* abuse of process doctrine, Mortimore II ¶¶ 41-49, which the Liquidators concede does not require privity, Moss II ¶ 56.<sup>41</sup>

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<sup>39</sup> Am. Order Staying Redeemer Actions, Adv. Pro. No. 10-03496 (SMB) (Bankr. S.D.N.Y. Oct. 19, 2011) (Dkt. No. 418).

<sup>40</sup> Privy Council Decision ¶ 5 (Hare Decl., Ex. Q) (“[P]roceedings have been brought by the Fund in other jurisdictions against other Members and former Members to recover redemption payments. They include more than 300 actions in the United States . . . [which] have been stayed pending the outcome of these proceedings.”).

<sup>41</sup> To the extent that the Liquidators suggest that this Court should not apply any preclusion principle because BVI courts consider *Henderson* preclusion to be procedural, that is incorrect. If this Court were to determine that New York choice-of-law rules apply to determine the preclusive effect of the Privy Council Decision, despite Defendants’ argument to the contrary, and that those rules point to the preclusion principles of the BVI, then it should apply *Henderson*, regardless of the BVI courts’ characterization of that principle, in order to avoid “the dreaded *renvoi*.” *Kim v. Co-op. Centrale Raiffeisen-Boerenleebank B.A.*, 364 F. Supp. 2d 346, 350 n.8 (S.D.N.Y. 2005).

2. The Liquidators' Claims Fail Under BVI Law Even if Not Precluded

Even if the Liquidators were not precluded from raising Citco's alleged bad faith (which they are), their proposed amendments are futile, as they still fail to state a claim under BVI law.

*First*, the Liquidators cannot cabin the Privy Council Decision to three short catch-phrases, Opp. 38-39, as the decision is far broader and forecloses the Liquidators' claims in their entirety. The Privy Council unequivocally held that the "sole object" of the certification process was to "produce finality" for the Funds, their directors, and their shareholders. Privy Council Decision ¶ 26 (Hare Decl., Ex. Q). For this reason, the NAV certificates' binding nature was not affected by the fraud perpetrated by BLMIS, which (like Citco) was an agent for the Funds and whose bad faith was the basis for the inflated NAV. *Id.* Likewise, there is no basis to depart from this finality principle simply because an intermediary agent, Citco, allegedly acted in bad faith in calculating the NAV based on the prices fraudulently generated by BLMIS, which also acted as the Funds' agent. In either case, the Liquidators' argument is that the NAV did not reflect the true value of the shares. The Privy Council Decision leaves no doubt that this is irrelevant and that the certificates remain binding. *See* Mortimore II ¶¶ 50-57; Consol. Br. 52.

*Second*, the Privy Council Decision also forecloses the Liquidators' attempt to imply into the Articles a term that Defendants must return purportedly inflated redemption payments. Mortimore II ¶¶ 92-97. This would contradict the Privy Council's express rejection of the Liquidators' attempt to require precisely such a repayment, albeit under a different theory. Privy Council Decision ¶ 26 (Hare Decl., Ex. Q). It thus plainly cannot be considered either "obvious" or "necessary . . . to give business efficacy to [the] Articles." Mortimore I ¶ 89.

*Third*, the EC Court of Appeal held that the Liquidators' claims are barred for the independent reason that, even if no valid certificates had been issued, the investors gave good consideration by surrendering their shares. EC Court of Appeal Judgment ¶ 87 (Kite Decl.,

Ex. G). The Liquidators do not dispute that the Privy Council dismissed their appeal of this holding. Opp. 39. They do not (and cannot) argue that the Privy Council granted the appeal and affirmed on different grounds. Yet they invite the Court to treat the Privy Council Decision as if it had done just that, asserting that its discussion of the separately-appealed, but related, Article 11 Issue supersedes the “*ratio decidendi*” of the EC Court of Appeal on the Good Consideration Issue. *Id.* That is not how *stare decisis* works in the BVI. *See* Mortimore II ¶¶ 12-17.<sup>42</sup> The highest source of BVI law on the Good Consideration Issue remains the decision of the EC Court of Appeal. That decision thus bars the Liquidators’ claims. *See id.* ¶¶ 11-17; Consol. Br. 53-54.

*Fourth*, under BVI statutory law, the Liquidators “may not assert against a person dealing with the company . . . that . . . a document issued on behalf of a company by a director, employee or agent of the company with actual or usual authority to issue the document is not valid or not genuine.” BVI Business Companies Act 2004 § 31; Mortimore II ¶¶ 60-63. Rather than trying to explain why this clear statutory language is somehow inapplicable here, the Liquidators resort to arguing that additional implied terms should be read into the Articles that override this statutory mandate, such that the certificates received by the redeeming Defendants could be valid and genuine, but in some way not “conclusive.” Moss II ¶ 79. The Liquidators offer no relevant authority to support this proposition, and there is none. *See* Mortimore II ¶¶ 60-63.

*Fifth*, the Liquidators agree that BVI law requires that contracts be construed so as “not to permit one party to take advantage of his own wrong.” Opp. 46. Accordingly, the Articles

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<sup>42</sup> Nor is that how *stare decisis* works in the United States. *See, e.g.*, *In re Arab Bank, PLC Alien Tort Statute Litig.*, 808 F.3d 144, 157 (2d Cir. 2015) (Second Circuit decision affirmed by Supreme Court on alternative grounds remains binding law of the Circuit); *Broudy v. Mather*, 460 F.3d 106, 112 (D.C. Cir. 2006) (same). The cases the Liquidators cite are not to the contrary. In those cases, the appellate courts “impliedly decided” that the alternative holdings of the lower courts were foreclosed. *See In re Coudert Bros. LLP*, 809 F.3d 94, 101 (2d Cir. 2015); *Parmalat Capital Fin. Ltd. v. Bank of Am. Corp.*, 671 F.3d 261, 270 (2d Cir. 2012). Here, by contrast, the Privy Council did not impliedly decide the Good Consideration Issue. To the contrary, it “confirm[ed] the affirmative answers given by the EC Court of Appeal and Bannister J” on that issue. Mortimore II ¶ 13. Accordingly, the EC Court of Appeal’s decision remains a binding statement of BVI law.

should not be read to allow the Funds to evade their obligations by claiming that the certificates are not final or binding due to their own agent’s bad faith, which is imputed to them and thus is their own wrong. *See Mortimore II ¶¶ 64-83; Consol. Br. 52-53.*

The Liquidators’ only response to this argument is that “the bad faith of a dishonest agent will not be imputed to the principal for the purpose of defeating a restitution claim against an innocent recipient of the principal’s property.” Opp. 46. This is both unsupported and irrelevant. Indeed, the Liquidators’ own expert concedes that “there is currently no clear authority” for this proposition, Moss II ¶ 89, and the cases he cites confirm that it has no basis in existing BVI law, as none holds that an agent’s bad faith cannot be imputed to the principal where, as here, the agent acted *within* the scope of its duties. Additionally, Mr. Moss’s uncorroborated argument that “it would be extraordinarily unjust if a principal’s claim for restitution of money from someone unjustly enriched . . . were to be defeated by the agent’s bad faith or fraud,” *id.* ¶ 89(c), is at odds with the Privy Council Decision, which specifically barred the Liquidators’ restitution claims despite Defendants’ supposed unjust enrichment based on the purported benefit they derived as a result of *BLMIS*’s fraud on the Funds. Privy Council Decision ¶ 26 (Hare Decl., Ex. Q).

*Sixth*, the Liquidators’ attempted reliance on formal logic, Opp. 47, contains a basic logical fallacy. They suggest that because the Privy Council held that a certificate issued in good faith binds “all parties,” then the “obvious corollary” is “that a bad faith certificate will not bind any party.” *Id.* 47-48. The Liquidators have “committed the fallacy of denying the antecedent” and thus seek an invalid inference.<sup>43</sup> While the contrapositive of the Privy Council’s holding—*i.e.*, if a certificate does not bind all parties, then it was not issued in good faith—must be true,

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<sup>43</sup> Ruggero J. Aldisert, *Logic for Lawyers: A Guide to Clear Legal Thinking* 160 (Nat’l Inst. for Trial Advocacy eds., 3d ed. 1997).

the Liquidators’ proposed inversion—*i.e.*, if a certificate is issued in bad faith, then it will not bind all parties—is not necessarily true.<sup>44</sup> In fact, the Liquidators’ construction is false, as BVI law provides that certificates purportedly issued in compliance with the Articles (as they were here) are conclusive. *See* Mortimore II ¶¶ 52-57, 82-83.

*Seventh*, the Liquidators’ claims are barred by the *ex turpi causa* principle. Mr. Moss cites no authority to support his argument that Citco’s alleged bad faith would not be imputed to the Funds. Indeed, the one case he does cite suggests that bad faith *must* be imputed, since the Liquidators’ claims now can only “arise” if the certificate was issued in bad faith. *See* Moss II ¶ 93. Thus, Citco’s alleged bad faith is imputed to the Funds. *See* Consol. Br. 54-55; Mortimore II ¶¶ 84-87.

The Liquidators’ alternative *ex turpi causa* argument, that BVI courts would balance various equities to determine whether to bar the instant claims, is also unavailing. The Privy Council has already opined directly about the “societal costs” of allowing these claims to proceed, noting that continued litigation would unfairly subject shareholders to open-ended liability. Privy Council Decision ¶ 23 (Hare Decl., Ex. Q). The Liquidators’ attempt to frame this case as a dispute between “unredeemed shareholders (represented by the Liquidators) and redeemed shareholders who are material beneficiaries,” Opp. 50, does not alter this conclusion. This was raised before (and rejected by) the Privy Council: the Liquidators, representing unredeemed shareholders, cannot recover from redeemed shareholders. Privy Council Decision ¶ 23 (Hare Decl., Ex. Q).

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<sup>44</sup> *See State v. Saykao*, No. 73250-1-I, 2016 WL 3190529, at \*2 n.21 (Wash. App. 2016) (“Given a proposition, ‘if A then B,’ only the contrapositive, ‘if not B then not A,’ is a valid inference. Here the court attempts to infer the inverse, ‘if not A then not B’ from section 402.03—an invalid inference.”); *Crouse-Hinds Co. v. InterNorth, Inc.*, 634 F.2d 690, 703 n.20 (2d Cir. 1980) (“The proposition that ‘A implies B’ is not the equivalent of ‘non-A implies non-B,’ and neither proposition follows logically from the other.”).

Finally, though the Liquidators do not address this subject in their brief, instead leaving it to Mr. Moss, it is clear that their allegations against Citco are insufficient to plead that it acted in bad faith. The Liquidators allege only that Citco had “a vague feeling of unease” or “untargeted or speculative suspicion.” *See Mortimore I ¶ 116(b); Mortimore II ¶¶ 98-104.* Without sufficient allegations of bad faith, the Liquidators’ proposed amendments are futile.

### 3. The Court Should Also Dismiss the Declaratory Judgment Claims

The Court should also exercise its “unique and substantial discretion” to dismiss the Liquidators’ claims for declaratory judgments. *See Wilton v. Seven Falls Co.*, 515 U.S. 277, 286 (1995). The Liquidators incorrectly assert that a declaratory judgment would provide the parties with “relief from uncertainty,” Opp. 52, when, in fact, any declaratory judgment either would be duplicative of the Court’s resolution of the Contract Claims or would otherwise present an inappropriate risk of “friction between sovereign legal systems” with respect to the BVI Insolvency Claims. *See Crane v. Poetic Prods. Ltd.*, 351 F. App’x 516, 518 (2d Cir. 2009). Issuing a declaratory judgment based on such uncertainty would be particularly inappropriate here, where there is a dispute under Section 249 of the BVI Insolvency Act as to whether a U.S. court can even grant the statutory relief that the Liquidators seek. *See infra* Part III.D.6.

### 4. The Citco Subscribers’ Purported Bad Faith Is Irrelevant

The Liquidators’ “revised” allegations regarding the Citco Subscribers—which were submitted through a footnote in the Opposition<sup>45</sup> only *after* Defendants identified multiple pleading defects in the Complaints—do not save their claims.

*First*, these “revised” allegations are not properly before the Court. Neither this Court’s Supplemental Case Management Order (the “CMO”) nor any other federal rule permits the

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<sup>45</sup> See Opp. 52 n.65 (submitting revised proposed amended complaints as Exhibits E and F to the Declaration of David J. Molton in Further Support of Motion for Leave to Amend and in Opposition to Defendants’ Motion to Dismiss, dated March 31, 2017 (“Molton II”)).

unilateral submission of new proposed amendments in the middle of this briefing process.

Indeed, the Liquidators' submissions undermine the CMO's purpose, which was to provide a clear and efficient procedure to address a novel theory about Citco's bad faith. The Liquidators had years to develop this theory, which they admit they learned of, at the latest, in 2014, Opp. 44 (and actually knew of by 2011, Consol. Br. 48-51). Under the CMO, the Liquidators were required to set forth their allegations in proposed amended complaints, to which Defendants would then have the opportunity to respond. The Liquidators offer no excuse for their attempt to circumvent this procedure by belatedly making "revised" allegations *after* Defendants already responded. In fact, the only thing the proposed "revised" allegations demonstrate is that even the Liquidators understand that their proposed amendments were legally deficient. The admission of new pleadings at this late stage would require Defendants to litigate against a moving target.

That is unfair, procedurally improper, and should be rejected by this Court. *See, e.g., Berman v. Parco*, 986 F. Supp. 195, 217 (S.D.N.Y. 1997) (rejecting a belated attempt to amend where "the movant knew or should have known of the facts upon which the amendment is based when the original pleading was filed, particularly when the movant offers no excuse for the delay").

*Second*, the Liquidators' "revised" proposed amended complaints still fail to adequately plead with particularity that the Citco Subscribers had knowledge or suspicions of the BLMIS fraud, much less that they made any deliberate decision to avoid confirming any such knowledge or suspicions. *See* Mortimore II ¶¶ 98-104. Instead, like the original allegations, these "new" allegations improperly seek to attribute the knowledge of non-Citco Subscriber entities to the Citco Subscribers, which is plainly impermissible under BVI law. *See* Consol. Br. 57-58.

*Third*, even assuming *arguendo* that the Liquidators had sufficiently pleaded that the Citco Subscribers redeemed in bad faith, they fail to show that this bad faith can be further

imputed to Defendants who used the Citco Subscribers as financial intermediaries to carry out the ministerial tasks of making redemptions and receiving redemption payments. *See id.* The Liquidators' imputation theory—that the Citco Subscribers obtained knowledge of the BLMIS fraud during the course of their relationship with these Defendants, and that such knowledge was "relevant and important" to their duties to these Defendants—is contradicted by the very documents submitted by the Liquidators. The Brokerage and Custody Agreement between the Citco Subscribers and certain Defendants confirms the ministerial nature of this agency relationship. *See Brokerage & Custody Agreement §§ 7.1-3* (Molton II, Ex. I). This agreement expressly *disclaims* the Citco Subscribers' responsibility to monitor investments for those Defendants, who thus bore all underlying risks. *See id.* §§ 6.3, 10.1. There is simply no basis for imputing knowledge obtained by the Citco Subscribers outside this limited relationship. *See Mortimore II ¶¶ 119-21.*

*Fourth*, the Liquidators fare no better relying on Article 8 to make the erroneous argument that their claims do not actually require imputation of the Citco Subscribers' alleged bad faith to Defendants. Opp. 53. Article 8 enables the Funds to deal directly with registered owners to carry out contractual obligations, such as giving notice of shareholder meetings and making distribution payments. *See Mortimore II ¶ 114.* It does not alleviate the Liquidators' burden to plead bad faith against Defendants that ultimately received the redemption payments.<sup>46</sup> The absurdity of the Liquidators' theory that Citco is the real party in interest is demonstrated by their failure even to sue Citco in these Actions.<sup>47</sup>

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<sup>46</sup> The Liquidators' similarly cannot rely on the Subscription Agreements, *see Opp. 53*, which do not concern redemptions in any way. *See Mortimore II ¶ 115.*

<sup>47</sup> Moreover, if Citco's knowledge were not imputed to the Funds because they are deemed "victims" of Citco's bad faith, Opp. 55, Defendants who invested through Citco were likewise victims. Consol. Br. 58; *see also* Mortimore II ¶ 110. The Liquidators' contention that these Defendants were not victims simply because they

*Fifth*, because the claims against these Defendants do not arise from their own misconduct (nor is there any allegation that they even knew of Citco's bad faith), these Defendants are as equally entitled to rely on the good consideration defense established by the EC Court of Appeal as any other Defendant. *See Mortimore II ¶¶ 115-21.*

### **C. The Liquidators Fail to Allege Any Injury Arising from the Redemptions**

The Liquidators' failure to plead injury-in-fact is also fatal to their claims. *See Consol. Br. 58 n.40.* The Liquidators' only counterargument is that Defendants' refusal to repay the redemptions "subsequent to" BLMIS's collapse represents a "classic economic" injury-in-fact. Opp. 55. This is flawed because it applies only to the purported Contract Claims, which rest entirely on a relatively recent recalculation of NAV and demand for repayment.<sup>48</sup> However, "a plaintiff must demonstrate standing for each claim and form of relief sought."<sup>49</sup>

The Common Law Claims and BVI Insolvency Claims are premised on redemptions that occurred *before* the collapse of BLMIS. The Liquidators do not even try to argue that the Funds suffered economic injury when those redemptions took place. At the time, while the BLMIS fraud was ongoing, the Funds were readily able to obtain money for redemptions from BLMIS. Accordingly, the Liquidators have not alleged any injury-in-fact to support any claim based on Defendants' redemptions.

The Liquidators try to distinguish the loss causation precedents cited by Defendants by pointing out that this is not a securities fraud case. Opp. 56. But the Liquidators offer no reason why the same principles should not apply. Their observation that there was no "public market"

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received redemption payments in exchange for the Fairfield shares that were, in hindsight, valueless, Opp. 56, borders on the absurd.

<sup>48</sup> The demand for repayment based on a recalculated NAV was made in August 2012.

<sup>49</sup> *Baur v. Veneman*, 352 F.3d 625, 641 n.15 (2d Cir. 2003); *see also Donahue v. City of Bos.*, 304 F.3d 110, 116 (1st Cir. 2002); *Clark v. City of Lakewood*, 259 F.3d 996, 1006 (9th Cir. 2001).

for the Funds to trade out of their positions, *id.*, is irrelevant. Prior to BLMIS's collapse, the Funds could trade out of their BLMIS positions with no economic loss.

The Liquidators also assert that the Funds' access to monies from BLMIS was "not symmetrical" with the Funds' obligation to make redemption payments. *Id.* This assertion is not based on any allegation in the Complaints. More importantly, the Common Law and BVI Insolvency Claims are not premised on a mismatch between redemptions made and the availability of money from BLMIS. To the contrary, the Complaints plainly allege that the Funds funded redemption payments by making withdrawals from BLMIS (or using subscriptions from investors earmarked for investment in BLMIS). PAC ¶ 37.

Finally, the Liquidators cite *Ross v. Bank of Am., N.A.*, 524 F.3d 217 (2d Cir. 2008), for the proposition that "the fact that an injury may be outweighed by other benefits . . . does not negate standing." Opp. 57. That language has no application here. Defendants are not arguing that the Funds suffered an injury that may be outweighed by other benefits. Rather, the Funds did not suffer any economic injury at all from the redemptions before the collapse of BLMIS.

#### **D. The BVI Insolvency Claims Fail as a Matter of BVI Law**

The Liquidators' own allegations defeat the BVI Insolvency Claims. *First*, the Funds were solvent when they redeemed Defendants' shares, which is fatal to these claims. *Second*, the Section 246 undervalue claims fail because the Liquidators cannot show that the transactions were undervalue without resorting to impermissible hindsight. *Third*, the Section 245 preference claims cannot be maintained because Defendants were members—and not creditors—incapable of receiving preferences. *Fourth*, the Liquidators' allegations establish that the redemptions at issue were ordinary course, good faith transactions made to benefit the Funds, precluding these claims. *Finally*, only BVI courts have the power to grant relief under Section 249.

### 1. The Liquidators Cannot Use Hindsight to Show the Funds Were Insolvent

The Liquidators' allegations establish that, at all relevant times, the Funds were solvent under the BVI's cash flow test.<sup>50</sup> Their only argument in response is that hindsight can be used to determine the Funds' solvency. That argument is baseless.

*First*, the Liquidators ask the Court to disregard the fact that the BVI Insolvency Act was drafted so as to exclude hindsight from the inquiry. Unlike the English Act on which it was modeled, which permits both a cash flow and a balance sheet test for insolvency, the BVI Act is drafted more narrowly and permits only a cash flow test. Mortimore I ¶ 189.<sup>51</sup> Significantly, while the balance sheet test takes into account contingent and prospective liabilities, the cash flow test is limited to asking whether the company was unable to pay its debts as they came due—an inquiry in which hindsight plays no part. Mortimore II ¶¶ 160-68.<sup>52</sup>

*Second*, the Liquidators ask the Court to ignore the difference between the cash flow and balance sheet tests, falsely claiming that case law supports injecting hindsight into the cash flow test, as might be done in the balance sheet test. But the Liquidators' cases confirm that hindsight has no part in the cash flow test. *Id.*<sup>53</sup> The Liquidators also misstate U.S. law on this point.<sup>54</sup>

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<sup>50</sup> The Liquidators make much of the fact that insolvency is presumed for members, but the Complaints' allegations rebut that presumption and show that the Funds were solvent when the redemptions were made. Moreover, in certain Actions, the Liquidators now claim that the Citco Subscribers (rather than any Defendants) were members. *See infra* Part III.D.5. Accordingly, in those Actions, there are no presumptions favoring the Liquidators' position. Mortimore II ¶ 205 n.189.

<sup>51</sup> Mr. Moss concedes that the language of the BVI Act differs from the English Act, but dismisses the differences as "essentially cosmetic" changes of "style rather than substance," asking the Court to deprive them of meaning and effect based entirely on his say-so. Moss II ¶¶ 127, 188.

<sup>52</sup> *See also Re Casa Estates (UK) Ltd.* [2014] 2 BCLC 49 at ¶¶ 29-30 (cash flow test looks to "future and contingent debts falling due in the reasonably near future," but "beyond the reasonably near future, any attempt to apply the cash flow test becomes speculative" and the balance sheet test is appropriate).

<sup>53</sup> *See also Phillips v. Brewin Dolphin Lawrie Ltd.* [2001] 1 WLR 143 at ¶ 30 (the value of an asset is not less than "the amount that a reasonably well informed purchaser is prepared, in arms' length negotiations, to pay for it" at the time); *Countrywide Banking Corp. Ltd. v. Dean* [1998] AC 338 at ¶ 34 (the transaction "must be examined in the actual setting in which it took place").

<sup>54</sup> Opp. 27 (citing *Adelphia Recovery Tr. v. FPL Grp. Inc. (In re Adelphia Commc'n Corp.)*, 512 B.R. 447, 495 (Bankr. S.D.N.Y. 2014)). In fact, in the very sentence partially quoted by the Liquidators, Judge Gerber stated

The Liquidators wrongly cite *Stanley*, *Brewin Dolphin*, and other cases that discuss a narrow exception permitting hindsight as if they stand for the proposition that hindsight is routinely allowed. *See* Opp. 29. *Stanley* shows that hindsight is permissible only when valuing “a covenant which was, on the facts *known at the date of the transaction*, precarious” and where there are subsequent events related to that “existing quality or defect in the asset.”<sup>55</sup> *Brewin Dolphin* confirms that this exception is limited to valuing assets whose defects were known to all parties at the time.<sup>56</sup> However, this exception cannot apply here, as the Liquidators do not plead that, at the time the Funds engaged in each redemption transaction, they had reason to believe that BLMIS was a Ponzi scheme. Mortimore II ¶¶ 167-68.<sup>57</sup>

*Third*, the Liquidators argue that the Court should presume that the Funds were insolvent because they were invested in a Ponzi scheme, but support their argument with rulings that only presumed that *Ponzi schemes themselves* were insolvent.<sup>58</sup> That presumption does not stretch to investors in a Ponzi scheme, and for good reason. A Ponzi scheme operator has full knowledge that its liabilities exceed its true assets. By contrast, investors in a Ponzi scheme that has not yet been unmasked not only lack such knowledge, but face only a possibility, rather than a certainty,

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that “[c]ourts must determine solvency free of impermissible hindsight.” *In re Adelphia Commc’ns Corp.*, 512 B.R. at 495 (refusing to find that Adelphia was insolvent at the time of the challenged transfer); *see also In re Edgewater Med. Ctr.*, 373 B.R. 845, 854-55 (Bankr. N.D. Ill. 2007) (courts “should refrain from using impermissible hindsight” when valuing assets and refusing to “engage in that type of speculation” in analyzing insolvency); *Paloian v. LaSalle Bank, N.A.*, 619 F.3d 688, 693 (7th Cir. 2010) (“Hindsight is wonderfully clear but . . . [h]indsight bias is to be fought rather than embraced” in analyzing insolvency).

<sup>55</sup> *Stanley v. TMK Finance Ltd.* [2010] EWHC 3349 at ¶¶ 14-15 (emphasis added) (distinguishing narrow exception from a more general embrace of hindsight that would “take[e] account of later events to value a contingency at an earlier date”).

<sup>56</sup> *Phillips v Brewin Dolphin Bell Lawrie Ltd.*, [2001] 1 WLR 143 at ¶¶ 22-25. The Liquidators do not cite any case in which the subsequent materialization of a problem that was *not* known at the time can be considered.

<sup>57</sup> The Liquidators’ argument that the Court should use hindsight to consider potential future liability that they suggest the Funds incurred at each redemption also fails, as they do not plead that the Funds had any knowledge of such claims being possible at the time that the redemptions were made. *See* Mortimore II ¶ 201.

<sup>58</sup> Notably, the Liquidators do not plead that the Funds knowingly participated in the BLMIS Ponzi scheme, which would be fatal to their Common Law and Contract Claims. Consol. Br. 66; PAC ¶ 40 (BLMIS’s fraud was “unknown to the Funds”).

of insolvency, including because they have the potential to exit from the scheme.<sup>59</sup> Because whatever claims may have theoretically existed before the Ponzi scheme was uncovered were also unknown at that time, they would also be irrelevant under the BVI insolvency regime, which precludes the use of hindsight. Mortimore II ¶¶ 178-79. Therefore, to the extent that there is an exception that would allow the use of hindsight to find insolvency if there were a Ponzi scheme, it does not apply here.

## 2. The Liquidators Cannot Rely on Hindsight to Show Insufficient Consideration

The Liquidators' argument, Opp. 27-28, that insufficient consideration was given when the Funds redeemed Defendants' shares (a required element under Section 246) also fails, as it too rests exclusively on impermissible hindsight. Mortimore II ¶ 167. Moreover, there was a moment where, prior to the discovery of Madoff's fraud, the shares could be traded at or near that redemption value. As the Liquidators acknowledge, Opp. 67, n.87, "Sentry's shares were listed on the Irish Stock Exchange" and could be bought and sold over-the-counter.

## 3. The Unfair Preference Claims Fail Because Defendants Were Not Creditors

The Section 245 claims fail for the independent reason that only creditors can be preferred within the meaning of Section 245, but Defendants were members, not creditors, at the time they entered into each redemption transaction.<sup>60</sup> Relying on increasingly tortured deconstructions of each such transaction, the Liquidators argue, based on their expert-advocate's say-so (which, in the absence of supporting precedent, resorts to Middle English, Old French,

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<sup>59</sup> *In re Lancelot* is not to the contrary, since it concerned funds that first invested in a Ponzi scheme, then later themselves became a Ponzi scheme. *Peterson v. Ritchie Capital Mgmt., LLC (In re Lancelot Inv'rs Fund, L.P.)*, No. 08 B 28225, 2012 WL 718631 (Bankr. N.D. Ill. Mar. 2, 2012). Also, this U.S. case does not address how insolvency is determined under BVI law, and does not analyze the difference between the Ponzi schemes presumed insolvent in the cases on which it relies, and the funds invested in a Ponzi scheme that were at issue.

<sup>60</sup> This argument is unaffected by the Liquidators' new claim that, in many cases, the Citco Subscribers were the members because the transfers, in those instances, went to them first.

and Latin), that the payments made in exchange for shares constitute separate transactions. *See Moss II ¶ 154.* In fact, each redemption payment merely completed a transaction that had been “entered into” when the Funds received a redemption request. *See Mortimore I ¶¶ 167-70.* Thus, Defendants were members when they requested redemption of their shares, and Section 245 cannot apply. *Accord Loginovskaya v. Batrachenko*, 764 F.3d 266, 275 (2d Cir. 2014) (contractual payments were “actions needed to carry out the transactions, and not the transactions themselves—which were previously entered into when the contracts were executed”).<sup>61</sup>

The Liquidators’ alternative argument, that Defendants were contingent creditors when “the redemption was requested,” Opp. 26-27, is baseless, as Defendants were members at that time. *See Mortimore II ¶ 146.* The Liquidators’ argument that Defendants “would become creditors” once the redemption was requested, Opp. 27, concedes as much, since any supposed creditor status could only arise *after* the redemption transaction was entered. *See Mortimore II ¶¶ 145-53.* There is also no basis to conclude that each Defendant was simultaneously *both* a member and a creditor when its redemptions were requested—any theoretical contingency could arise, if at all, only *after* the transaction was entered into, and in fact Defendants could not become creditors until *after* the Dealing Day, *i.e.*, when the Funds redeemed the shares from Defendants who then were no longer registered members as provided by the Articles. *Id.* Defendants were thus members, not creditors, at the relevant time.

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<sup>61</sup> *Somers Dublin Ltd A/C KBCS v. Monarch Pointe*, HCVAP 2011/04 (Mar. 11, 2013), is not to the contrary and does not help the Liquidators show that Defendants were not members at the time the Funds redeemed their shares. *Monarch Pointe* merely stands for the proposition that an unpaid redeeming member is entitled to participate in any surplus in a liquidation proceeding as a “creditor” before other members. *See Mortimore II ¶ 153.* It does not, however, hold that such a member automatically loses its status as a member for all purposes or within the meaning of the Articles. Article 11(4) makes plain that, until the Fund redeems the shares, redeeming members remain “registered members” and are entitled to all membership rights. *See id.* ¶¶ 184-85. Moreover, there is no doubt that Defendants here were all fully paid redeemed members, rendering the applicability of *Monarch Pointe* controversial at best.

4. The Section 245 and 246 Defenses Bar the BVI Insolvency Claims

Even if the Liquidators had adequately pleaded the BVI Insolvency Claims, the Complaints' allegations establish that these claims are barred by statute. *See Jones v. Bock*, 549 U.S. 199, 215 (2007) ("A complaint is subject to dismissal for failure to state a claim if the allegations, taken as true, show the plaintiff is not entitled to relief."). The Complaints' allegations demonstrate that the redemptions (and/or redemption payments) were ordinary course transactions of the Funds, and therefore cannot be unfair preferences under Section 245. *Mortimore II* ¶¶ 173-81. They likewise establish that the Funds entered into the redemptions (and/or redemption payments) (a) in good faith, (b) for the purpose of their business, and (c) with a reasonable basis to believe that the transactions would benefit them. This shows that these transactions were not undervalue. *Mortimore II* ¶¶ 182-204.

The Liquidators again resort to impermissible hindsight to argue that the ordinary course and good faith defenses are inapplicable. Opp. 31-33. In arguing that the redemptions were not made in the ordinary course of business, the Liquidators invite the Court to use its present knowledge of the BLMIS Ponzi scheme to reject the otherwise obvious conclusion that the Funds—which existed solely to sell and redeem shares—were doing nothing outside the ordinary course when engaging in those functions.<sup>62</sup> The Liquidators never allege (and in fact deny) that the Funds were fraudulent or a Ponzi scheme, so to say that they never engaged in any ordinary course conduct is untenable. Similarly, the Liquidators argue that the redemptions could not possibly have been made in good faith because of the Ponzi scheme (while denying that the

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<sup>62</sup> In arguing that the ordinary course defense does not apply, the Liquidators also mischaracterize Defendants' prior argument about Citco's purported bad faith. Opp. 32. Defendants previously noted that the Liquidators cannot both argue that the Funds acted in good faith and at the same time rely on the bad faith of their purported agent, Citco, as the basis for claims against Defendants. Consol. Br. 54-55. Regardless, that Citco acted in bad faith is not adequately pleaded, and Defendants have not argued that the Funds did not act in good faith.

Funds had any knowledge of its existence). As shown above, the cases they rely on do not permit the use of hindsight in making the relevant determinations under BVI law.<sup>63</sup>

As to their claim that the redemptions were not undertaken with a good faith belief that they would benefit the Funds, the Liquidators propose that the redemptions were “intended to be neutral in effect,” relying entirely on their expert advocate (who provides no authority for that theory beyond his *ipse dixit*). Moss II ¶¶ 269-71. In addition to being entirely unsupported, this argument is nonsensical because it asks the Court to conclude that the Funds’ transactions with their members—transactions that were the Funds’ entire purpose for existing (and for which they received fees)—were *not* intended to benefit the Funds.

##### 5. The Citco Subscriber Allegations Also Defeat the BVI Insolvency Claims

Even if the Liquidators’ belated Citco Subscriber allegations could be considered (which they cannot), those allegations would themselves bar the BVI Insolvency Claims. The BVI Insolvency Act expressly prohibits the Liquidators from obtaining relief against “any person who received a benefit from the transaction in good faith and for value.” *See* Mortimore II ¶¶ 204-07. This limitation plainly applies here. *First*, under BVI statutory law, any person who receives a “benefit” from a transaction, but is not a party to it, is presumed to have acted in good faith. *Id.* ¶ 208. The new Citco Subscriber allegations make clear that only the Funds and the Citco Subscribers were parties to the redemption transactions. *Id.* ¶ 209. Defendants who invested through the Citco Subscribers are thus entitled to the good faith presumption, which the Liquidators cannot overcome. *Id.* ¶ 210; *see also supra* Part III.B.4. *Second*, the Defendants gave “value” in exchange for the benefits they received when they surrendered their interests in

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<sup>63</sup> The Liquidators again mischaracterize analogous principles of U.S. law, citing cases that do not support the use of hindsight in the circumstances here. *See, e.g., Orr v. Kinderhill Corp.*, 991 F.2d 31 (2d Cir. 1993) (permitting a limited use of hindsight where the defendant knew, at the time of the transaction, that the transaction was not supported by fair consideration).

the redeemed shares. Mortimore II ¶ 212. Therefore, the Liquidators' allegations (even if credited) would defeat the BVI Insolvency Claims against these Defendants.

#### 6. This Court Cannot Grant Relief on the BVI Insolvency Claims

In the Section 273 proceedings in the BVI (where the Liquidators chose not to assert the BVI Insolvency Claims), Justice Leon found it "difficult to see" how this Court could "grant the statutory relief under Section 249." Section 273 Judgment ¶ 119 (Hare Decl., Ex. S). He noted that, at best, perhaps it "could make declaratory determinations," upon which "the Liquidators[] would need to apply to [the BVI court] under Section 249" for discretionary relief, at which point a BVI court would need to conduct a *de novo* review to independently satisfy itself that relief could be granted at all. *Id.* ¶¶ 121-22. Justice Leon questioned whether proceeding in this way would be "logical, practical, efficient, or appropriate." *Id.* ¶ 123. It would not.

The BVI legislature has deliberately reserved to BVI courts the discretion to grant relief under Section 249. *See* Mortimore II ¶ 213-37. As the Liquidators' expert concedes, it is "true in an arid, technical sense"—in other words, true—that the Liquidators' *only* remedy is to apply to the BVI court for an order under Section 249. Moss II ¶ 128. But Mr. Moss asks this Court to adopt what he considers to be a "pragmatic" approach and ignore the language of the Act, relying solely on his unsupported claim that English courts "usually" overturn "dogmatic concepts" that prove "impractical." *Id.* ¶ 134.<sup>64</sup> This is difficult to reconcile with traditional principles of comity, and neither the Liquidators nor their expert explains on what basis (beyond their own preference) this Court can pick and choose what applicable foreign law to respect.<sup>65</sup>

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<sup>64</sup> His example of this purported practice of the English courts consists of *dicta* from a dissent. Moss II ¶¶ 143-44. Whether that *dicta* in fact disapproves of a "dogmatic" approach or not, it certainly has no legal force, and it does not speak to any of the issues being litigated here.

<sup>65</sup> *See Gilstrap v. Radianz Ltd.*, 443 F. Supp. 2d 474, 491 (S.D.N.Y. 2006) (federal courts "should be more hesitant [in applying foreign law] when doing so would necessarily involve expanding, extending, or departing from well-settled and long established principles of foreign law"), *aff'd*, 233 F. App'x 83 (2d Cir. 2007); *In re Nortel*

The Liquidators further argue that this Court should ignore Section 249 on the incorrect premise that it is merely a procedural venue provision. Opp. 33-34. While the Liquidators rely on *In re Hellas Telecomms. (Lux.) II* SCA, 526 B.R. 499 (Bankr. S.D.N.Y. 2015), these Actions are more analogous to *Seismic Reservoir 2020, Inc. v. Paulsson*, 785 F.3d 330 (9th Cir. 2015). See *Mortimore II* ¶¶ 228-31 (explaining that the statute at issue in *Hellas* is not analogous to the BVI statute at issue here). In *Seismic Reservoir*, the Ninth Circuit explained, with respect to a more analogous exclusive jurisdiction provision in a foreign statute, that “when [foreign law] creates a right, that foreign law can determine the remedy.” 785 F.3d at 335. Just as the foreign statute in *Seismic Reservoir* defined “court” as the foreign court, and reserved to that court broad equitable powers to grant relief, the BVI Insolvency Act defines “court” as the BVI High Court, to which it reserves the power to grant relief. See *Mortimore I* ¶ 260. Consequently, the claims here are “one[s] upon which no relief could be granted by the [U.S.] court” and should be dismissed. *Seismic Reservoir*, 785 F.3d at 332-34.

Finally, the Liquidators’ argument that Chapter 15 allows this Court to bypass the exclusive jurisdiction provision in the BVI Insolvency Act stretches Chapter 15 beyond its limits.<sup>66</sup> Regardless, no cognizable interest would be served by this Court taking up the BVI Insolvency Claims. The practical effect of a U.S. court order with respect to these claims would merely be *de novo* review of the same claims in the BVI, a plain disservice to the interest of judicial economy. The Liquidators’ strategic decision not to bring the BVI Insolvency Claims—

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*Networks, Inc.*, 469 B.R. 478, 499 (Bankr. D. Del. 2012) (“This Court’s role under Rule 44.1 is to determine foreign law as currently applied by English, Irish, and French courts.”) (emphasis added); *Sec. Inv’r Prot. Corp. v. Bernard L. Madoff Inv. Sec. LLC*, Adv. Pro. No. 08-01789 (SMB), Adv. Pro. No. 11-02732 (SMB), 2016 WL 6900689, at \*11 (S.D.N.Y. Nov. 21, 2016) (“International comity is especially important in the context of the Bankruptcy Code.”) (quoting *In re Maxwell Commc’n Corp. plc*, 93 F.3d 1036, 1048 (2d Cir.1996)).

<sup>66</sup> PAC ¶¶ 64-65; see also *Fogerty v. Petroquest Res., Inc. (In re Condor Ins. Ltd.)*, 601 F.3d 319, 322, 327-29 (5th Cir. 2010) (“Access to foreign law offers no opportunity to gain the powers of avoidance . . . when there is no such power offered by the foreign state . . . and deference to comity does not invite forum shopping.”).

which raise complex questions of BVI law that have not been addressed by BVI courts—in the BVI constitutes blatant forum shopping that should not be rewarded.

#### **IV. Foreign Defendants Were Not Properly Served**

The Liquidators do not dispute that the only method of service attempted on most Foreign Defendants was privately-dispatched postal service, a method not expressly authorized by Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 4 or any New York analogue. Nor do the Liquidators contest that it is their burden to prove the adequacy of service. *See, e.g., Burda Media, Inc. v. Viertel*, 417 F.3d 292, 298 (2d Cir. 2005). Instead, the Liquidators argue only that (i) some Defendants purportedly consented to privately-dispatched mail service by entering into Subscription Agreements, and (ii) privately-dispatched mail service is authorized by Article 10(a) of the Hague Convention irrespective of Rule 4’s requirements. Neither argument has merit.

##### **A. Foreign Defendants Did Not Consent to Privately-Dispatched Mail Service**

Defendants did not consent to service by privately-dispatched mail. The Liquidators concede that they can rely on the Forum Selection Clause *only if* it applies. Because it does not apply, *see supra* Part II.A., it does not render mail service proper. In any event, the Subscription Agreements cannot bind Defendants that were not party to them. *See supra* Part II.A.2.<sup>67</sup>

Further, even assuming *arguendo* that the Forum Selection Clause applied, that clause does not on its face authorize privately-dispatched mail service. Rather, it permits service only “as provided by New York law” or “out of any New York court . . . by mailing copies thereof, by certified or registered mail, return receipt requested . . . .” Sentry Subscription Agreement ¶ 19

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<sup>67</sup> Even if the Forum Selection Clause somehow applied to Defendants who did not sign a Subscription Agreement, nothing in the Forum Selection Clause authorizes mail service to the address of such a Defendant, as opposed to “the address of Subscriber” (or indeed, requires that such a Defendant’s address be provided to the Funds). Likewise, the Liquidators have not alleged that these Defendants authorized Subscribers to accept service on their behalf, and therefore cannot demonstrate that mail delivery to a Subscriber’s address could somehow constitute effective service as to these Defendants. *See* Opp. Appendix B-1.

(Moloney Decl., Ex. A) (the “Mail Clause”). The Liquidators do not argue that New York law permits privately-dispatched mail service, only that New York recognizes the methods of service permitted under the Hague Convention, which does not include privately-dispatched mail service. Nothing in the Mail Clause suggests that it permits any form of service other than what is expressly authorized under Rule 4(f)(2)(C)(ii) for service dispatched by the Clerk of the Court.

### **B. The Subscription Agreement Does Not Permit Service by Illegal Means**

Even if service by privately-dispatched mail were contractually permitted, such service would still be ineffective to the extent it would be illegal. For example, the Liquidators do not dispute that service by a private party in Switzerland is a criminal illegal act. *See* Jeandin Decl. ¶¶ 9, 11, 17, 20(b). Thus, any purported service in Switzerland is ineffective.

The Liquidators do not (and cannot) cite any authority that would sanction such illegal acts.<sup>68</sup> The Liquidators cannot ask this Court to enforce a contract in a manner that will result in an unlawful act,<sup>69</sup> and, therefore, the Subscription Agreement should be read to permit only service by lawful means. The Liquidators’ assertion that Swiss law has no application here because the Subscription Agreement is governed by New York law, Opp. 75, misses the point.

The Liquidators’ only other argument, that Swiss law is irrelevant because Swiss Moving Defendants consented to service by mail and such service is not prohibited by U.S. law, Opp. 74, likewise fails. It ignores that the United States and Switzerland have entered into treaties

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<sup>68</sup> *See Stone v. Freeman*, 298 N.Y. 268, 271 (1948) (“It is the settled law of this State . . . that a party to an illegal contract cannot ask a court of law to help him carry out his illegal object, nor can such a person plead or prove in any court a case in which he, as a basis for his claim, must show forth his illegal purpose.”).

<sup>69</sup> *See Artache v. Goldin*, 133 A.D.2d 596, 599 (2d Dep’t 1987) (“[W]here an agreement consists in part of an unlawful objective and in part of lawful objectives, the court may sever the illegal aspects and enforce the legal ones . . .”).

governing the performance of the judicial act of service within their respective territories, under which Switzerland has prohibited service by mail pursuant to Article 10(a).<sup>70</sup>

Thus, there is no dispute that the manner in which service was purportedly effected in this case was illegal to the extent it was effected in Switzerland in a manner prohibited by Swiss law. And where, as here, a contract could be interpreted to allow service that would be illegal where accomplished, that contract should not be enforced to sanction an unlawful act.<sup>71</sup>

### **C. The Liquidators' Method of Service Was Not Independently Valid**

Apparently recognizing that their position on the Subscription Agreement is flawed, the Liquidators also argue that service was independently valid with respect to jurisdictions other than Switzerland<sup>72</sup> under Rule 4 and the Hague Convention. Opp. 73. They are mistaken.

There are only two potentially-relevant provisions of Rule 4. The first is Rule 4(f)(2)(C)(ii), which permits service by mail, but *only* when dispatched by the Clerk of the Court. As the Liquidators concede, no such service was effected here.<sup>73</sup>

The second provision is Rule 4(f)(1), which permits service “by any internationally-agreed means.” The Liquidators are wrong in arguing that this provision applies because service “*is* authorized by Article 10(a) of the Hague Service Convention.” Opp. 73. Unlike other

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<sup>70</sup> See, e.g., *Volkswagenwerk Aktiengesellschaft v. Schlunk*, 486 U.S. 694, 705 (1988) (“[C]ompliance with the [Hague] Convention is mandatory in all cases to which it applies.”). Indeed, by virtue of the Supremacy Clause, the Hague Convention *is* U.S. law, and accordingly governs the methods of service permitted from U.S. courts. *Id.*; see *Eastern Edye v. Robertson (Head Money Cases)*, 112 U.S. 580, 599 (1884) (“[W]hen [treaty] rights are of a nature to be enforced in a court of justice, that court resorts to the treaty for a rule of decision for the case before it as it would to a statute.”).

<sup>71</sup> The Liquidators’ invitation to Swiss Moving Defendants to waive service now, Opp. 75, is disingenuous, as there is no requirement that Swiss Moving Defendants do so. See *In re Bernard L. Madoff Inv. Sec. LLC*, 418 B.R. 75, 84 (Bankr. S.D.N.Y. 2009). Nor have Swiss Moving Defendants waived service through the Forum Selection Clause, as that argument elides the critical distinction between waiving service and consenting to service by specified means.

<sup>72</sup> Although not explicit in this regard, the Liquidators do not dispute that the Hague Convention expressly does not permit postal service into jurisdictions that have objected thereto, such as Switzerland.

<sup>73</sup> See Opp. 73 n.101; see also 4B Charles Alan Wright & Arthur R. Miller, *Federal Practice and Procedure* § 1134 (4th ed. 2017); *Ansell Healthcare, Inc. v. Maersk Line*, 545 F. Supp. 2d 339, 342 (S.D.N.Y. 2008).

provisions of the Hague Convention,<sup>74</sup> “Article 10(a) does not itself affirmatively *authorize* international mail service.” *Brockmeyer v. May*, 383 F.3d 798, 803 (9th Cir. 2004) (emphasis added).<sup>75</sup> It provides that, unless a country has expressly prohibited such service (e.g., as Switzerland has), service by mail is permitted so long as such service would otherwise be proper.

Were there any question on the point, the Supreme Court confirmed earlier this week that mail service is available under the Hague Convention *only* when permitted by the issuing forum’s law. *See Water Splash, Inc. v. Menon*, No. 16-254, 2017 WL 2216933, at \*8 (U.S. May 22, 2017).<sup>76</sup> In holding that Article 10(a) “encompasses” mail service, the Supreme Court explained that “this does not mean that the Convention affirmatively *authorizes* service by mail.” *Id.* (emphasis in original). Rather, “in cases governed by the Hague Service Convention, service by mail is permissible if two conditions are met: first, the receiving state has not objected to service by mail; and second, service by mail is authorized under otherwise-applicable law.” *Id.* (citing *Brockmeyer*, 383 F.3d at 803-04). Here, the “otherwise-applicable law” is Rule 4. Because “[e]xplicit, affirmative authorization for service by international mail is found only in Rule 4(f)(2)(C)(ii),” that Rule defines the scope of international mail service in these Actions. The Liquidators plainly did not comply with that Rule, because it requires mailing by the Clerk

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<sup>74</sup> *See, e.g.*, Hague Convention Articles 5, 6 (authorizing service through Central Authority). While service through a Central Authority is available under Rule 4(f)(1) as an “internationally agreed means of service,” mail service is not affirmatively authorized by the Convention, and thus is available only under Rule 4(f)(2)(C)(ii). *See Brockmeyer v. May*, 383 F.3d 798, 804 (9th Cir. 2004).

<sup>75</sup> The Ninth Circuit’s *Brockmeyer* analysis has been widely adopted. *See, e.g., LT Game Int’l Ltd. v. DEQ Sys. Corp.*, No. CIV. 2:13-4593 WJM, 2013 WL 5536195, at \*1 (D.N.J. Oct. 7, 2013); *Julien v. Williams*, No. 8:10-CV-2358-T-24, 2010 WL 5174535, at \*2 (M.D. Fla. Dec. 15, 2010); *Ballard v. Tyco Int’l, Ltd.*, No. CIV. 04-CV-1336-PB, 2005 WL 1863492, at \*4 (D.N.H. Aug. 4, 2005).

<sup>76</sup> In this regard, *Water Splash* merely confirmed existing law. The only contrary case cited by the Liquidators, *Papir v. Wurms*, No. 02 CIV. 3273 (RCC), 2005 WL 372061, at \*1 (S.D.N.Y. Feb. 15, 2005), is foreclosed by *Water Splash*, and in any event has been characterized as a “step backwards” with a “peculiar holding” that “has not been followed by any district court.” *See* Permanent Bureau of the Hague Convention, *Practical Handbook on the Operation of the Hague Convention of 15 November 1965 on the Service Abroad of Judicial and Extrajudicial Documents in Civil or Commercial Matters* at 90 (2016).

of the Court, and thus the Liquidators have not made valid service on Foreign Defendants.

*Brockmeyer*, 383 F.3d at 804.

#### **D. The Liquidators Should Not Be Allowed Another Attempt at Service**

In this case, the Liquidators have been on notice that their means of service is invalid for more than six years. In that time, they have made no effort to cure their defective service, notwithstanding every opportunity to do so. A “plaintiff does not have unlimited time in which to serve” a foreign defendant. *Yellowwave Corp. v. Mana*, No. 00 CIV. 2267 SAS, 2000 WL 1508249, at \*2 (S.D.N.Y. Oct. 11, 2000). Insofar as the Liquidators have proceeded without trying to cure defective service, they have knowingly and with full notice elected to permit these proceedings to rise or fall on whether this Court agrees with their interpretation of the Subscription Agreements and applicable law. Leave to re-serve so many years after these cases began would be manifestly unjust in these circumstances; the Liquidators should be required to live with the consequences of their elections. *See, e.g., In re Bozel S.A.*, 549 B.R. 446, 450 (Bankr. S.D.N.Y. 2016) (finding a two-year delay unreasonable).<sup>77</sup>

#### **CONCLUSION**

For the reasons set forth above, this Court should deny the Liquidators’ Motion for Leave to Amend and dismiss the Complaints with prejudice.

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<sup>77</sup> The Stay Order relied upon by the Liquidators, Opp. 75 n.103, did not preclude “effecting or completing service in any Redeemer Actions already on file or in newly filed Redeemer Actions.” Am. Order Staying Redeemer Actions ¶ 4 (Oct. 19, 2011) (Dkt. No. 418). Nor are the Liquidators’ service failures excused by their improper attempts at service by mail, regardless of whether any defendant had “actual notice” of the proceedings. *See Montalbano v. Easco Hand Tools, Inc.*, 766 F.2d 737, 740 (2d Cir. 1985) (rejecting plaintiff’s argument that “dismissal was inappropriate since it reasonably believed that it had served [a foreign defendant’s] American agent”); *Martin v. N.Y. State Dep’t of Mental Hygiene*, 588 F.2d 371, 373 (2d Cir. 1978) (“[A]ctual notice of the lawsuit is not sufficient to bar a motion to dismiss under Rule 12(b)(2).”).

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## Appendix A

### Applicable Adversary Proceedings

Adv. Pro. No.	Case Name
10-03496	<i>Fairfield Sentry Ltd. (In Liquidation), et al. v. Theodoor GGC Amsterdam, et al.</i>
10-03502	<i>Fairfield Sentry Ltd. (In Liquidation), et al. v. RBC Dominion Securities Sub A/C, et al.</i>
10-03503	<i>Fairfield Sigma Ltd. (In Liquidation), et al. v. Tercas-Cassa di Risparmio della Provincia di Teramo S.P.A.</i>
10-03504	<i>Fairfield Sentry Ltd. (In Liquidation), et al. v. FS ABN AMRO Global Custody, et al.</i>
10-03505	<i>Fairfield Sentry Ltd. (In Liquidation), et al. v. Banque Privee Edmond De Rothschild (Europe), et al.</i>
10-03507	<i>Fairfield Sentry Ltd. (In Liquidation), et al. v. Meritz Fire &amp; Marine Insurance Company Ltd., et al.</i>
10-03508	<i>Fairfield Sentry Ltd. (In Liquidation), et al. v. Schroder &amp; Co. (Asia) Ltd., et al.</i>
10-03508	<i>Fairfield Sentry Ltd. (In Liquidation), et al. v. Schroder &amp; Co. (Asia) Ltd., et al.</i>
10-03509	<i>Fairfield Sentry Ltd. (In Liquidation), et al. v. Banco Santander (Suisse) S.A., et al.</i>
10-03510	<i>Fairfield Sentry Ltd. (In Liquidation), et al. v. Bank Hapoalim (Suisse) Ltd., et al.</i>
10-03512	<i>Fairfield Sentry Ltd. (In Liquidation), et al. v. FS Mizrahi Tefahot Bank Ltd., et al.</i>
10-03513	<i>Fairfield Sentry Ltd. (In Liquidation), et al. v. Banque Syz &amp; Co. S.A., et al.</i>
10-03514	<i>Fairfield Sentry Ltd. (In Liquidation), et al. v. Banque Piguet &amp; Cie S.A., et al.</i>
10-03515	<i>Fairfield Sentry Ltd. (In Liquidation), et al. v. Banco Bilbao Vizcaya Argentaria S.A., et al.</i>
10-03516	<i>Fairfield Sentry Ltd. (In Liquidation), et al. v. Merrill Lynch, Pierce, Fenner &amp; Smith, Inc., et al.</i>
10-03519	<i>Fairfield Sentry Ltd. (In Liquidation), et al. v. Neue Bank AG, et al.</i>
10-03521	<i>Fairfield Sentry Ltd. (In Liquidation), et al. v. Lombardy Properties Limited, et al.</i>
10-03525	<i>Fairfield Sentry Ltd. (In Liquidation), et al. v. Fund Nominees Limited, et al.</i>
10-03540	<i>Fairfield Sentry Ltd. (In Liquidation), et al. v. Vontobel Asset Management, et al.</i>
10-03595	<i>Fairfield Sentry Ltd. (In Liquidation), et al. v. SG Private Banking (Suisse) SA, et al.</i>
10-03615	<i>Fairfield Sentry Ltd. (In Liquidation), et al. v. Bank of America National Trust and Savings Association, et al.</i>
10-03616	<i>Fairfield Sentry Ltd. (In Liquidation), et al. v. Banque de Luxembourg, et al.</i>
10-03618	<i>Fairfield Sentry Ltd. (In Liquidation), et al. v. FS/BBVA Miami, et al.</i>
10-03619	<i>Fairfield Sentry Ltd. (In Liquidation), et al. v. HSBC Institutional Trust Services (Asia) Limited, et al.</i>
10-03620	<i>Fairfield Sentry Ltd. (In Liquidation), et al. v. Credit Suisse International, et al.</i>
10-03621	<i>Fairfield Sentry Ltd. (In Liquidation), et al. v. FS Oddo &amp; Cie, et al.</i>
10-03622	<i>Fairfield Sentry Ltd. (In Liquidation), et al. v. Citibank NA London, et al.</i>
10-03623	<i>Fairfield Sentry Ltd. (In Liquidation), et al. v. AXA Isle of Man A/C L&amp;C, et al.</i>
10-03624	<i>Fairfield Sentry Ltd. (In Liquidation), et al. v. Caceis Bank Luxembourg, et al.</i>
10-03625	<i>Fairfield Sentry Ltd. (In Liquidation), et al. v. EFG Bank, et al.</i>
10-03628	<i>Fairfield Sentry Ltd. (In Liquidation), et al. v. Robinson &amp; Co., et al.</i>
10-03629	<i>Fairfield Sentry Ltd. (In Liquidation), et al. v. FS/HSBC Private Banking Nom, et al.</i>
10-03630	<i>Fairfield Sentry Ltd. (In Liquidation), et al. v. HSBC Securities Services (Luxembourg) SA, et al.</i>

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10-03631	<i>Fairfield Sentry Ltd. (In Liquidation), et al. v. HSBC Private Bank (Guernsey) Ltd., et al.</i>
10-03632	<i>Fairfield Sentry Ltd. (In Liquidation), et al. v. FS/Andbanc Andorra, et al.</i>
10-03633	<i>Fairfield Sentry Ltd. (In Liquidation), et al. v. HSBC Private Bank (Suisse) SA, et al.</i>
10-03634	<i>Fairfield Sentry Ltd. (In Liquidation), et al. v. Zurich Capital Markets Company, et al.</i>
10-03635	<i>Fairfield Sentry Ltd. (In Liquidation), et al. v. ABN AMRO Schweiz AG, et al.</i>
10-03636	<i>Fairfield Sentry Ltd. (In Liquidation), et al. v. ABN AMRO Schweiz AG, et al.</i>
10-03640	<i>Fairfield Sentry Ltd. (In Liquidation), et al. v. Citibank (Switzerland) AG, et al.</i>
10-03744	<i>Fairfield Sentry Ltd. (In Liquidation), et al. v. Deutsche Bank Trust Company America, et al.</i>
10-03745	<i>Fairfield Sentry Ltd. (In Liquidation), et al. v. Deutsche Bank (Suisse) SA Geneve, et al.</i>
10-03746	<i>Fairfield Sentry Ltd. (In Liquidation), et al. v. Deutsche Bank (Cayman), et al.</i>
10-03747	<i>Fairfield Sentry Ltd. (In Liquidation), et al. v. Deutsche Bank AG Singapore, et al.</i>
10-03750	<i>Fairfield Sentry Ltd. (In Liquidation), et al. v. Blubank Ltd., et al.</i>
10-03752	<i>Fairfield Sentry Ltd. (In Liquidation), et al. v. Brown Brothers Harriman &amp; Co., et al.</i>
10-03753	<i>Fairfield Sentry Ltd. (In Liquidation), et al. v. Dresdner Bank LateinAmerika AG, et al.</i>
10-03754	<i>Fairfield Sentry Ltd. (In Liquidation), et al. v. CDC IXIS, et al.</i>
10-03755	<i>Fairfield Sentry Ltd. (In Liquidation), et al. v. Banco Itau Europa Luxembourg SA, et al.</i>
10-03756	<i>Fairfield Sentry Ltd. (In Liquidation), et al. v. FS/CBESSA, et al.</i>
10-03757	<i>Fairfield Sentry Ltd. (In Liquidation), et al. v. SNS Global Custody B.V. a/k/a SNS Bank N.V., et al.</i>
10-03758	<i>Fairfield Sentry Ltd. (In Liquidation), et al. v. UBS Fund Services (Cayman) Ltd. Ref Greenlake Arbitrage Fund Ltd., et al.</i>
10-03764	<i>Fairfield Sentry Ltd. (In Liquidation), et al. v. Pictet &amp; Cie, et al.</i>
10-03776	<i>Fairfield Sentry Ltd. (In Liquidation), et al. v. Fortis (Isle of Man) Nominees Ltd. a/k/a ABN AMRO Fund Services (Isle of Man) Nominees Ltd., et al.</i>
10-03778	<i>Fairfield Sentry Ltd. (In Liquidation), et al. v. Wall Street Securities SA, et al.</i>
10-03780	<i>Fairfield Sentry Ltd. (In Liquidation), et al. v. UBS AG New York, et al.</i>
10-03782	<i>Fairfield Sentry Ltd. (In Liquidation), et al. v. Credit Suisse (Bahamas), et al.</i>
10-03783	<i>Fairfield Sentry Ltd. (In Liquidation), et al. v. Banco Atlantico (Bahamas), et al.</i>
10-03786	<i>Fairfield Sentry Ltd. (In Liquidation), et al. v. SG Private Banking (Suisse) SA, et al.</i>
10-03787	<i>Fairfield Sentry Ltd. (In Liquidation), et al. v. Banco Atlantico (Gibraltar), et al.</i>
10-03788	<i>Fairfield Sentry Ltd. (In Liquidation), et al. v. Merrill Lynch Bank (Suisse) SA, et al.</i>
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